

Allen Family

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February 3, 1997

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for your Allens. However, I doubt if I located anything that David Lewis didn't find four years ago.

Eliakim R. Allen did marry here, but I did not find any other references to him. Apparently he only remained here a short time. At first I thought that Eliakim R. and the Linton Township Robert might have been the same person, but the 1850 census indicates that Robert was born about 1814 in Kentucky. In fact, his family must have come to Indiana between 1848 and 1850 because he had a two year old child born in Kentucky and a one month old child born in Indiana. No doubt the Linton Township Robert was the man who married Sarah Ring in 1853, but by 1860 he was married to an Elizabeth. Robert, Emily, his first wife, and Sarah are all buried in Ring Cemetery, which is in Section 28, T 10 N, R 9 W, Linton Township. Robert's property was in the corner where sections 21, 22, 27, and 28 meet, so the cemetery would have been a mile or so south of his house. Emily and Sarah both died before 1860, but I did not find a record of Robert's marriage to Elizabeth.

I also looked for an obituary for Robert, but there were very few obituaries printed at that time. In addition, the newspapers were in bad condition with many missing or mutilated pages. Only one Robert Allen is listed in the index to settled estates but no dates are given so it is hard to tell if that is the right man. The only reference is to a probate box, and those were not microfilmed. Many of the other Vigo County courthouse records were filmed by the LDS Church and are available through LDS Family History Centers. If there is a Family History Center near you, you might try searching deed records to see if Robert divided up his property before his death.

I have a feeling that Eliakim R. and Robert Allen probably were not related. Eliakim was born in New York in 1820 and came to Vigo County by 1843 but did not remain here. Robert was born in Kentucky in 1814, came to Vigo County after 1848, and remained here the rest of his life. They may not have been here at the same time.

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VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of:

Allen; Eliakim Roberts & Robert
in response to your request of 1-30-97.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:

Did not find _____ Found _____

2. Surname File:

Did not find _____ Found Allen Family File - large file but only mention of Eliakim is in your 1992 letter

3. Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)

Did not find Eliakim Found Robert - Atlas p 106 - Bradsby p 305, 306, 313, 394, 399, 660; Cronin p 42; Ingalls p 33 Robert (Rev) - Beckwith p 407, 437; Robert C. - Bradsby p 661

4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:

Did not find Robert Found Allen, Eliakim & Eliza Woodling 26 Jan 1843 (Many other Allens)

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:

Did not find _____ Found Allen, Robert & Mary Thacker 26 May 1875 BK 6 p 503; Allen, Robert & Sarah C. Ring 8 Sept. 1853 BK 1 p 20

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:

Did not find Eliakim Found Allen, Robert Wm - age 45 - d. 7 Feb 1919 BK H43 p 39 - Many other Allens

7. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:

Did not find Eliakim Found Allen, Robert d. 23 Dec 1891 age 77y & Emily d. 2 Nov 1852 age 26y 9m 16d & Sarah C. d. 10 March 1856 age 18y 11m 4d - Ring Cemetery

8. Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):

Did not find Eliakim Found vol 2 p 15 Ring Cemetery - Robert, Emily & Sarah as above & also Elizabeth, James & Susan

9. Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:

Did not find Eliakim Found vol 1 p 4 Allen, Robert C. - buried 6-13-1890

10. Census Index for the year 1850:

Did not find _____ Found 1850 - No Eliakim Allen

Allen, Robert - Vigo Co p 278

1860 - No Eliakim in Vigo Co

Robert & Elizabeth in Vigo Co p 428 & 429

(over)
Other: (also check other side)

Gazette Dec 24-28, 1891 - No Allen obit
Express Dec 23-27, 1891 - No Allen obit
Missing days & pages

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#10 1860 Every Name Indiana Census Index
No Eliakim Allen

1870 Vigo County Only

Robert + Elizabeth in Linton Twp - p 211
No Eliakim

Index to Settled Estates

Allen Robert - No dates given - Box 647
Many Allens but no other Robert

1850 Census Linton Twp., Vigo Co p 278

Robert Allen	-36-	Farmer	-Kentucky
Emily	"	24	"
Mary	"	2	"
Marth(?)	"	1/2 (Female)	Ind

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Dear Sir/Madam;

Approximately four years ago Mr. David Lewis, SpC Research Asst., assisted me with some genealogy research there. I am hoping you still do records checks etc. as I seem to have lapsed on requesting some information he suggested might be available. I will happily pay fees for research services and copies of any records you might have. To assist in your reply to me I am enclosing a S.A.S.E. In the following section you will find the request for the types of information and for whom I am looking.

✓ Robert Allen, who had a farm in Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28 of Linton Township in 1874.

✓ Robert is most likely related to Eliakim Roberts Allen born Sept. 15, 1820 in Cazenovia, NY

I would be interested in anything you might find on him, such as: obituaries, newspaper articles, plat map for 1874, probate information, etc. Basically anything to help me learn more of him and the family connection.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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Allen, Peter B.

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September 9, 1999

We have had so many research requests this summer that I am just now getting a chance to answer your letter of July 9.

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for your ancestor. As you can see, I found quite a bit of information about Peter B. Allen but still can't provide definite answers to some of your questions. Peter B. is mentioned quite frequently in the various Vigo County histories. Most of the citations indicate that he was here in 1818. Bradsby's 1891 History of Vigo County does give a specific date of arrival - June 4, 1819. That is an account of the family's "great old wooden clock" transported "by canal and flatboat and packhorse." However, the same history lists Peter B. among those who registered marks and brands for livestock in 1818. The same history also gives a biographical sketch of George M. Allen, editor of the Terre Haute Express, and says, "His grandfather, Ira Allen, came to Terre Haute with his father, Peter B. Allen, in 1817."

A typescript of the Vigo County tract book indicates that Peter Allen "of Ontario County, New York" bought land from Robert Huggins "of Niagara County, New York" on 24 April 1817. On 16 February 1818 he sold land to Abraham Markle. He must have come to Vigo County between those dates.

Major Abraham Markle was one of the Canadian Volunteers and was instrumental in obtaining land for the volunteers. He is well known in this area because one of his descendants, A. R. Markle, became an unofficial county historian and wrote a historical column for the local newspaper for many years. A. R. Markle's grandson, James R. Markle, lives on R.R. 1, Marshall IL 62441, and is an avid genealogist. I believe he has done research on the Canadian Volunteers. He is a frequent traveler, so it might be hard to contact him. You might also write the genealogical query column in the local newspaper to contact other Allen descendants. The address is: Genealogy, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, P.O. Box 149, Terre Haute IN 47808.

I did not find a date of death for Peter B. He is not mentioned in any of our Vigo County cemetery books. Most of the information for those books was copied from the stones so it's possible that Peter's stone did not survive until the 20th century. He is not listed in the probate order books and will books that cover the 1830's. Perhaps he divided his property among his children before his death.

You are already aware that Peter B. Jr. married here in 1836. I found another marriage for a Peter Allen and Sarah Nusom on 6 August 1846. The index to the 1840 Indiana census does not list a Peter Allen in Vigo County, so I suspect that the Peter who married in 1846 was not the same man who married in 1836. I believe Peter B. Jr. probably went to Arkansas between 1836 and 1840, but he is seldom mentioned in the Vigo County records, except as a child of Peter Sr.

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September 9, 1999
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Oddly enough, the 1820 Indiana census index does not list a Peter Allen in Vigo County. He is listed in 1830, but that is the only year that a Peter Allen appears in Vigo County. However, there is quite a bit of evidence that Peter Sr. was here in 1818.

I think it would be very helpful for you to go through the Vigo County deed records. You might find Peter Sr.'s land being divided or Peter Jr. selling out to go to Arkansas. The deed records have been microfilmed by the LDS Church. There is a grantor/grantee index to the deeds from 1818 to 1860 on roll number 1378427. If you are not able to get the film, I can send you a list of local researchers. (It is very time consuming to search for deeds as the names are not in strict alphabetical order.)

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VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched
for the surnames of: Allen; Peter Buell Sr & Jr.

in response to your request of 7-12-99.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:

Did not find _____ Found _____

② Surname File:

Did not find _____ Found Allen, Peter B. Family File - 1930 & 31
letters regarding possible father of Peter Sr. 1979, 1982 & 1987 asking
for info on Peter Sr. (over)

③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms
(in the county histories)

Did not find _____ Found See attached sheet - Many of
the county histories list Peter B. Allen as an early settler.
Beckwith's History pp 43 & 44 says he came to Vigo County (over)

④ Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:

Did not find _____ Found Allen, Peter & Sarah Nusam 6 Aug 1846
Allen, Peter B. & Mary Hoskins 28 Dec 1836

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:

Did not find _____ Found _____

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:

Did not find _____ Found _____

⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to
1830 That Lived to Maturity:

Did not find Peter B. Found Many other Allens

⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):

Did not find Peter Found Many, many other Allens

⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of
Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:

Did not find _____ Found Only Peter Allen d. 1896 at
age 54

⑩ Census Index for the year 1820 - _____:

Did not find _____ Found 1820 - Only Peter Allen was in

Dearborn Co p 71

1830 - Allen, Peter - Vigo Co p 164

(over)

⑪ Other: (also check other side)

Vigo County, Indiana, Will Abstracts 1818-1860 - No Peter
Allen

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#2. File on Canadian Volunteers - most compiled by A.R. Markle, descendant of Maj. Abraham Markle - Large typed notebook of excerpts from "Niles Register and other Sources" - 72 pp - No index but Peter Allen is not listed in the "Canadian Warrants" Preliminary List of Canadian Volunteer Land Entries by James R. Markle, grandson of A.R. - 8 pp - Peter Allen is listed

#3 from Ontario NY in 1818. Bradsby's History p178 lists him as having registered a stock "mark" in 1818, Bradsby's p192, 194 & 196 list him as party to land transactions 1818-1820. Bradsby's p260 says "the family arrived here June 4, 1819." This is the story of how the family's grandfather clock was transported from NY.

#10 1840 - No Peter Allen in Vigo County
1850 - No Peter Allen in Vigo County

Vigo County, Indiana, Early Land Entries from "Tract Book" 1816-1821 - pp 22, 26, 29, 32
p22 Peter Allen of Ontario Co NY from Robert Huggins & wife Mary of Niagara Co NY, land grant in Indiana given Robert Huggins as Lt. in Corps of Canadian Volunteers 24 April 1817
p26 on Feb. 16, 1818 Peter Allen & wife Mary sold land to Abraham Markle & wife Catherine

Index to Settled Estates - Checked 1818 - 1888 No Peter Allen

Probate Order Book 1, 1818-1832 - "A" page of index missing
Complete Probate Order Book 1, 1829-1836 - Peter Allen not listed
Complete Probate Order Book 2, 1837-1843 - " " " "
Probate Order Book 2, 1833-1840 - Peter Allen not listed

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July 9, 1999

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I am researching my ancestor Peter Buell Allen who was a pioneer settler of Vigo County. His son, also named Peter Buell Allen, is found in the Arkansas Territorial Census of 1840 - he was my great, great grandfather and a pioneer in that state as well. Many of the other children of Peter B. remained in the Terre Haute area for some years.

I recently telephoned your library to get a copy of the marriage record of the younger Peter B. Allen which you are sending to me. The librarian encouraged me to write and see what you might have available in some of the Vigo County histories about the family.

My information from writings by his nephew (Orasmus Turner) is that Peter B. moved from Ontario County, New York, to Indiana circa 1816. There is a Land Patent for 320 acres in Vigo County, signed 3 Feb 1819 by Peter Allen as assignee of Daniel Phillips late a private in the corps of Canadian Volunteers (Warrant #43). (Unfortunately, the National Archives are missing this warrant.)

My family histories give a date of death for Peter B. Allen as 13 Jun 1833 but there is some conflict about this date as I have also seen 1837; his wife Mary Peterson perhaps died in 1832.

- ① In particular I would like any confirmation of Peter B.'s approximate arrival in Indiana, and his date of death. I would also like any information that might suggest when the son Peter B. left
- ② Indiana for his own pioneering in Arkansas.

- ③ The elder Peter B. Allen is said to have been an officer in the War of 1812; I have found no confirmation as yet except in the writings of Orasmus Turner. Perhaps something in one of your histories refers back to his military service.

I am enclosing a Family Group Record with notes and sources as this seemed to be the most expedient way to let you know what I already have and what sources I have used.

I live in a rural county in Alabama and have no interlibrary loan available and little access to any resource materials outside the Southern states other than using the Family History Center (can be somewhat slow and tedious). Will be thrilled with anything you can offer me about my ancestor!

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Please bill me for copying and postage. Or possibly you could email and I will be happy to send you payment in advance.

Thank you,



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Family Group Record

Husband Peter Buell ALLEN		
Birth	24 Nov 1775	
Death	13 Jun 1833	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
Marriage	25 Sep 1796	
Father	Moses ALLEN (b bef Jul 1739)	
Mother	Chloe WARD (b 1 Jan 1744)	
Wife Mary PETERSON		
Birth	5 Feb 1774	
Death	2 Jul 1832	
Children		
1	M Henry Cromwell ALLEN	
	Birth	2 Aug 1797
	Death	13 Jul 1832
	Spouse	Zelota CARGILL
	Marriage	6 Mar 1823 Vigo County, Indiana
2	M Ira ALLEN	
	Birth	13 Jun 1799
	Death	11 Feb 1866
	Spouse	Lydia CARGILL
	Marriage	11 Jul 1819 Vigo County, Indiana
3	F Catherine ALLEN	
	Birth	27 Mar 1801
	Death	6 Feb 1821
	Spouse	Curtis GILBERT
	Marriage	15 Sep 1819 Vigo County, Indiana
4	F Harriett ALLEN	
	Birth	10 May 1803
	Death	8 Jul 1845
	Spouse	John BRITTON
	Marriage	15 Sep 1819 Vigo County, Indiana
	Spouse	George CONN
	Marriage	24 Dec 1829
5	M Myron Holley ALLEN	
	Birth	19 Nov 1805
	Death	15 Feb 1866
	Spouse	Nancy JACKSON
	Marriage	10 Feb 1827 Vigo County, Indiana
6	F Amanda ALLEN	
	Birth	13 Nov 1807
	Death	21 Feb 1866
	Spouse	Silas HOSKINS
	Marriage	14 Mar 1825 Vigo County, Indiana
7	F Chloe Ward ALLEN	
	Birth	17 Sep 1809
	Death	21 Apr 1869
	Spouse	Carlton BELT
	Marriage	27 Aug 1828
8	M Peter Buell ALLEN	
	Birth	5 Nov 1811 Ontario County, New York
	Death	1901 Cove, Polk County, Arkansas
	Spouse	Mary Rowena HOSKINS
	Marriage	28 Dec 1836 Vigo County, Indiana
9	F Adaline ALLEN	
	Birth	20 Nov 1814
	Death	
	Spouse	Britton Moor HARRISON
	Marriage	29 Nov 1828
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FAMILY NOTES

HUSBAND NOTES: Peter Buell ALLEN

Birth^{1,2,3}:

Death^{1,4,5,6}:

General^{7,8,9,10,11,12,13}: In 1796/97, the family moved to Ontario County NY. "Holland Purchase" says Peter went into Pittstown in 1796 and in 1797, Nathaniel followed him from Canandaigua.

In 1808 Peter was one of the Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, Honeoye, New York.

Brigadier General in War of 1812. In command of a regiment at the battle of Queenstown, in which he was taken prisoner. [This information found in "Phelps and Gorham's Purchase"]

1800 Ontario Co NY Census: Peter Allen, 2m -10 [Ira age 1, Henry age 3], 1m 16-26 [Peter age 25] and 1f 16-26 [Mary age 25]. Also 1m over 45 and 1f over 45. Were Moses and Chloe still living or did Mary's parents live with them?

1810 Census Honeyoye, Ontario County NY:

Allen, Peter 1m -10 (Myron age 5); 2m 10-16 (Ira age 11, Henry age 13) 1m 26-45 (Peter was 35) 4f -10 (Chloe age 1, Amanda age 3, Harriett age 7, Catherine age 9) 1f 26-45 (wife Mary Peterson)

In 1812, he was a supervisor representing Richmond in the county legislature.

Honeoye was formed in 1796 as Pittstown; first settlement was by Capt. Peter Pitts and his sons in 1789. Changed to Honeoye in 1808 and then to Richmond in April 1815. Allen Hill is a hamlet nearby. [Found at USGenWeb Ontario County NY site.]

By 1818, Peter Buell is referred to as a pioneer settler of Terre Haute, IN. [Orasmus Turner says Peter went to Indiana in 1816.] Land Patent for 320 acres in Vigo County IN signed 3 Feb 1819 by Peter Allen as assignee of Daniel Phillips late a private in the corps of Canadian Volunteers - Warrant #43. This was in the district of Vincennes. Letter to the Nat'l Archives for copy reveals that there is a large gap in the Canadian Refugee Warrants and they are missing this one. When Orasmus Turner wrote "Phelps and Gorham's Purchase" in 1851, he stated that many of Peter's descendants were residents of Terra Haute.

WIFE NOTES: Mary PETERSON

Birth¹:

Death^{1,14}:

CHILD NOTES: Henry Cromwell ALLEN

Birth¹⁵:

Death¹⁶: Year of death given as 1832 or 1834.

CHILD NOTES: Ira ALLEN

Birth¹⁷:

Death¹⁸:

CHILD NOTES: Catherine ALLEN

Birth¹⁹:

Death²⁰:

CHILD NOTES: Harriett ALLEN

Birth²¹:

Death²²:

CHILD NOTES: Myron Holley ALLEN

Birth²³:

Death²⁴:

CHILD NOTES: Amanda ALLEN

Birth²⁵:

Death²⁶:

CHILD NOTES: Chloe Ward ALLEN

Birth^{27,28}:

CHILD NOTES: Peter Buell ALLEN

Birth^{30,31,32}: Name is Peter Buell in Andrew Warde book. Son is also Peter Buell. Aunt Grace had Peter Benton Allen in one place - I think that's a mistake.

Death^{1,33}: Buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery 1/2 mile SE of Cove. "Peter B. Allen 1811-1901"

General^{34,35,36,37}: Found in Arkansas Territorial Census 1840: Peter B. Allen, Sevier County (became Polk County in 1840) Found in White Township, Polk County 1850 Census. He was the enumerator: started 8 Oct 1850 and finished on 1 Nov. Listed his family last. Augustus A., Henry C., Nathaniel B., Peter B. F., Mary A., Charles C. listed as children.

Land Patents - Polk Co AR

#7784 Mar 1 1855. 40 acres. NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Section 10, Township 4, Range 32W.

#7785 Mar 1 1855. 40 acres NW1/4 of the SW 1/4 Section 11, Township 4, Range 32 W

#7808 Mar 1 1855. 40 acres NE1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 11, Township 4, Range 32W

Served as a Representative in the Arkansas Legislature 1860-1862 for the counties of Scott, Polk, Montgomery, and Hot Springs.

The 1870 Polk County census lists as child, McCoy W., age 3. no different surname. He is too young to be Mary & Peter's - grandchild?

1880 Polk County AR Census lists Peter B. Allen, age 68, Farmer born NY, mother & father both born in NY; Mary R., age 62, Keeps house, born NY, mother & father both born in NY.

1890 Polk County AR "Census" as reconstructed/compiled by Wanda Tilley from the 1888 Real Estate Tax book shows P. B. Allen paying tax on Sections 11 & 12 of Township 49, Range 32 W.

CHILD NOTES: Adaline ALLEN

Birth³⁸.

Death^{39,40}.

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LETTERS GRANTED IN ALLEN ESTATE

Letters of administration were issued yesterday by Probate Commissioner John F. O'Brien in the estate of Mrs. Shellie L. Allen who died last Friday at the age of 80. The estate, for probate purposes, consists of \$50,000 in personal property and \$10,000 in real estate.

Named administratrix and listed as co-heir was a daughter, Mrs. Jane Dru Bradfield of 809 South Center Street. She qualified with \$50,000 bond. The other distributee was Mrs. Mary Lou Rumbley of Fresno, Cal., also a daughter of Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Allen was the widow of Perle E. Allen, founder of the Allen and Steen Acceptance Company. Counsel for the administratrix is the law firm of Dix, Dix, Patrick and Ratcliffe.

Mrs. Shellie Allen Dies in Hospital

Long Active in Club, Music, Church Circles

Mrs. Shellie L. Allen of 1621 South Sixth Street, widow of Perle E. Allen, founder of Allen & Steen Acceptance Corporation, died at 5:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Union Hospital. Her age was 80.

Although her health had not been good for some time, Mrs. Allen recently opened her home for the Woman's Department Club garden walk. She became seriously ill following the event and was taken to the hospital late Saturday night.

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A NATIVE of Clay City, she was reared in Brazil and had been

ALLEN
Family

a resident of Terre Haute since her marriage to Mr. Allen. She was active in church, musical, club and social circles throughout her residence here.

A graduate of Brazil High School, she was also a graduate of DePauw University, where she majored in music. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega social sorority at DePauw and of Sigma Alpha Iota, musical sorority.

Her church membership was in Centenary Methodist, where she was active in music work and in the Guild, being a charter member of the Guild.

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SEE REVERSE

WHEN THE Woman's Department Club was organized, she was one of the charter members and also was a life member of the Club. She also was on the board of the Swope Art Gallery and active in its Women's Division.

During the years of the Civic Music Association activity, she supported it and worked in it. Her support also was given the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra, which elected her an honorary member of the board, and

See MRS. ALLEN

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Mrs. Allen

Continued From Page 1
the Indianapolis symphony Orchestra.

She also was a member of the Country Club of Terre Haute.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Jane Braadfield of Terre Haute and Mrs. Mary Lou Rumbley of Fresno, Cal.; a sister, Mrs. William Price of Brazil, and six grandchildren.

The body was taken to the P. J. Ryan and Sons Funeral Home, where friends may call after 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

1011 NORTH STREET
LOGANSPOUT, INDIANA

November 12 th.
1961.

Historical Society Terre Haute
Gentlemen:

I am sending a photograph of:
Helen Allen, 525 So 6th Street,
Terre Haute.

Photograph taken after the Kerns just
prior to 1900 or, shortly thereafter.

It is such a lovely picture of her.
I thought that it should be in Terre

Aunt.

Ever sincerely,

Erise Nilsen Levanger.

P.S. If I can locate one of Alice's trunks
taken about the same time, I'll mail
it at a later date.

E.N.L.

1011 NORTH STREET
LOGANSPOUT, INDIANA

November 15th
1961.

Dear Mrs Clark:

Your letter in regard to the Paul
Dresser birthplace has been received.
Thank you.

The letter brings back many memories
for I used to spend a great deal of
time in Levee House during childhood
in the 1890's and knew both Mr Paul
Dresser and his brother, for they were
friends, of friends of my mother's.

I regret that it will be impossible
to add to the relocation and restoration

fund, for it is indeed, a very worthwhile project.

I am mailing a photograph of Helen Virginia O'Boyle Allen. There are two others here — if I can locate, that should be in Vero House — one of Grace Jenkins and Mary Alice Warren.

I do hope that the Warren House on So. 6th. has not been taken down. The Sater House, just like it in Logansport, has made way for business. Such a pity.

I trust that you can spare the Dresher House. With the best of wishes, I am
Sincerely,
Ethel Wilson Livingston.

Allen File

City of Albany, N.Y.

Abraham L. Beaumont vs. Nathaniel Allen. (Allen
died in Vigo Co.)

Rose assignee of Beaumont

(vi)

Barbour, Admr of Allen

SEAL

The People of the State of New York: To all to
whom these presents shall come Greeting

Know Ye that we having inspected the Records in the Office
of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals in the City of Albany do find
there a certain Judgment Record in the words & figures following
To wit:

Supreme Court Pleas before the Justices of the People of the State
of New York of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the same people
at the Academy in the town of Utica in the County of Oneida of the term
of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
twenty nine Witness John Savage Esquire Chief Justice

Fairlie Paige Hubbards Clerk

Wayne County Sp. Abraham L. Beaumont puts in his place William
Sisson his Attorney against Nathaniel Allen in a plea of trespass
on the case.

Wayne County Sp. Nathaniel Allen appears in his own proper person
at the suit of Abraham L. Beaumont in the plea aforesaid.

Wayne County Sp. Be it remembered that in May term last past
before the Justices of the People of the State of New York of the Supreme
Court of Judicature of the same people at the City Hall in the City of
New York came Abraham L. Beaumont by William Sisson his Attorney
and brought into the said Court of the said People before the said Justices
then there his certain bill against Nathaniel Allen in custody &c of a
plea of trespass on the case & there are pledges for the prosecution thereof to wit
John Doe & Richard Roe which said bill follows in these words that is to
say

Wayne County Sp. Abraham L. Beaumont plaintiff in this suit complains
of Nathaniel Allen defendant in this suit in custody &c For that whereas
the said defendant heretofore to wit on the nineteenth day of June in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight at Harris-
burgh to wit at Lyons in the County of Wayne made his certain prom-
issory note in writing bearing date the day and year aforesaid and
thereby then & there promised to pay ninety days after the date thereof
to the order of the said plaintiff by the name of A. L. Beaumont two
thousand dollars at the Harrisburgh Bank without abatement for
value rec'd (received meaning) & then & there delivered the said promissory
to the said plaintiff And also for that whereas the said defen-
dant afterwards to wit on the nineteenth day of June in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight at Harrisburgh
to wit at Lyons in the County of Wayne made his certain other
promissory note in writing bearing date the day & year aforesaid
& thereby then & there promised to pay ninety days after the

date thereof to the said plaintiff by the name of A. L. Beaumont or order two thousand dollars at the Harrisburgh Bank without defalcation for value received (received meaning) & then & there delivered the said last mentioned promissory note to the said plaintiff By means whereof & by force of the Statute in such cases made & provided the said defendant then & there became liable to pay to the said plaintiff the said several sums of money in the said promissory notes specified according to the tenor & effect of the said promissory notes & being so liable he the said defendant in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same day & year aforesaid at Lyons in the County aforesaid undertook & then & there faithfully promised the said plaintiff to pay him the said several sums of money in the said promissory notes specified according to the tenor & effect thereof.

And also for that whereas the said defendant by the name of St. Allen & one Jacob Seach heretofore to wit on the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight at Harrisburgh to wit at Lyons in the County of Wayne made their certain promissory note in writing bearing date the same day & year last aforesaid and by the said promissory note they, the said defendant & Jacob Seach jointly & severally promised to pay ninety days after the date thereof to the said plaintiff by the name of A. L. Beaumont or order two thousand dollars at the Harrisburgh Bank without defalcation for value received & the said defendant & the said Jacob Seach then & there delivered the said promissory note to the said plaintiff By reason whereof and by force of the Statute in such case made and provided the said defendant then & there became liable to pay to the said plaintiff the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified according to the tenor & effect of the said promissory note & being so liable he the said defendant in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same day and year last aforesaid at Lyons in the County aforesaid undertook & then & there faithfully promised the said plaintiff to pay him the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified according to the tenor & effect thereof.

And also for that whereas the said defendant afterwards to wit on the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight at Harrisburgh to wit at Lyons in

the County of Wayne made his certain other promissory note in writing bearing date the same day & year last aforesaid & thereby then & there ninety days after the date thereof promised to pay to the order of one O. W. Dibble one thousand five hundred dollars at the Harrisburgh Bank without defalcation for value rec^d (received meaning) & then & there delivered the said last mentioned promissory note to the said O. W. Dibble ^{and the said O. W. Dibble} to whom or to whose order the payment of the said sum of money in the ^{said} last mentioned promissory note specified was to be made after the making of the said promissory note & before the payment of the said sum of money therein specified to wit on the day & year last aforesaid at Lyons in the County aforesaid indorsed the said promissory note by which said indorsement he the said O. W. Dibble then & there ordered & appointed the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified to be paid to the said plaintiff & then & there delivered the said promissory note so indorsed as aforesaid to the said plaintiff by means whereof & by force of the Statute in such case made & provided the said defendant then & there became liable to pay to the said plaintiff the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified according to the tenor & effect of the said promissory note & being so liable he the said defendant in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same day & year aforesaid at Lyons in the County aforesaid undertook & then & there faithfully promised the said plaintiff to pay him the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified according to the tenor & effect thereof.

And also for that whereas the said defendant heretofore to wit on the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight at Harrisburgh to wit at Lyons in the County of Wayne made his certain other promissory note in writing bearing date the day & year last aforesaid & thereby then & there promised to pay ninety days after the date thereof to one O. W. Dibble or order One thousand five hundred dollars at the Harrisburgh Bank without defalcation for value rec^d (received meaning) & then & there delivered the said promissory note to the said O. W. Dibble & the said O. W. Dibble to whom or to whose order the payment of the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified was to be made after the making of the said promissory note & before the payment of the said

sum of money therein specified and also before the time limited and appointed by the said note for the payment thereof to wit on the day & year last aforesaid at Lyons in the County aforesaid indorsed the said promissory note by which said indorsement he the said C. H. Dibble then & there ordered & appointed the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified to be paid to the said plaintiff & then & there delivered the said promissory note so indorsed as aforesaid the said plaintiff of which said indorsement so made thereon as aforesaid the said plaintiff afterwards to wit on the day & year last aforesaid at Lyons in the County aforesaid gave notice to the said defendant By reason of which premises & by force of the Statute in such case made & provided the said defendant then & there became liable to pay to the said plaintiff the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified according to the tenor & effect of the said promissory note and being so liable he the said defendant in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the day and year aforesaid at Lyons in the County aforesaid undertook & then & there faithfully promised the said plaintiff to pay him the said sum of money in the said promissory note specified according to the tenor and effect thereof.

And whereas also the before named defendant afterwards to wit on the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine at Lyons in the County of Wayne aforesaid was indebted unto the before named plaintiff in the sum of seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars of lawful money of the United States of America for money by the said plaintiff before that time paid lent out and expended for the before named defendant & at his special instance and request & in the further sum of seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars of like lawful money for so much money lent & advanced by the said plaintiff to the before named defendant & at his like request & in the further sum of seven thousand two hundred & fifty dollars of like lawful money for money by the said defendant before that time had & received to & for the use of the said plaintiff & being so indebted the before named defendant in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same day and year last aforesaid & at the place aforesaid undertook & then & there faithfully promised the said plaintiff well & truly to pay to the said plaintiff the said several sums of money last mentioned when he the before named

defendant should be thence afterwards requested.

And whereas also the said plaintiff afterwards to wit on the same day and year last aforesaid and at the place last aforesaid accounted together with the said defendant of & concerning divers other sums of money before that time due and owing from the said defendant to the said plaintiff & then & there being in arrears and unpaid & upon that account he the said defendant was then & there found to be in arrears & indebted to the said plaintiff in another large sum of money to wit the sum of other seven thousand two hundred & fifty dollars of like lawful money. & being so found in arrears & indebted to the said plaintiff he the said defendant in consideration thereof afterwards to wit on the same day & year last aforesaid & at the place aforesaid undertook & then & there faithfully promised the said plaintiff to pay him the sum of money last mentioned when he the said defendant should be thence afterwards requested. Nevertheless the before named defendant the said several promises & undertakings so by him made as aforesaid not regarding but contriving & fraudulently intending craftily & subtly to deceive & defraud the before named plaintiff in this behalf hath not paid the said several sums of money or any part thereof to the before named plaintiff (although the before named defendant to pay the same to the before named plaintiff afterwards to wit on the same day & year aforesaid & oftentimes since to wit at the place aforesaid was requested by the before named plaintiff) but to pay the same or any part thereof to the before named plaintiff he the said defendant hath hitherto wholly refused & still doth refuse to the damage of the before named defendant plaintiff of Seven thousand two hundred & fifty dollars & therefore he brings suit.

And now at this day that is to say on the first Monday of August in this same term of August until which day the said defendant had leave to implead to the said bill & then to answer the same &c. before the said Justices of the said people at the Academy in the Town of Utica in the County of Oneida comes as well the said plaintiff by William Elison his Attorney aforesaid as the said defendant in his own proper person & the said Nathaniel Allen in his own proper person defends the

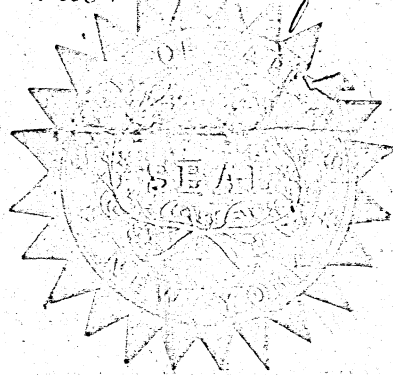
wrong & injury when he says, that he cannot deny the action aforesaid
of the said Abraham L. Beaumont nor but that he the said
Nathaniel Allen did undertake & promise in manner & form as the
said Abraham L. Beaumont hath above thereof complained against
him nor but that the said Abraham L. Beaumont hath sustained
Damages by reason of the non performance of the said several
promises and undertakings aforesaid in the said declaration above
mentioned to three thousand seven hundred and seventeen dollars
and seventy eight cents as by the said declaration is above supposed
And hereupon the said Abraham L. Beaumont prays judgment
and his damages so acknowledged together with his costs and
charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended to be ad-
judged to him &c

Therefore it is considered that the said Abraham
L. Beaumont do recover against the said Nathaniel Allen his
Damages aforesaid to Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen
Dollars and seventy eight cents in form aforesaid acknowledged &
also Thirty Nine Dollars and ^{ninety} ~~thirty nine~~ cents for his said costs &
charges by the said Court now lawfully adjudged to the said Abra-
ham L. Beaumont and with his assent which said damages
costs & charges in the whole amount to Three Thousand seven hundred
fifty seven dollars seventy seven cents

And the said Nathaniel Allen in mercy &c
Judgment signed Aug 3rd 1829 J. H. Hubbard Clerk
(Filed Aug 3rd 1829)

All which we have caused by these presents to be exemplified
and the Seal of our said Court of Appeals to be hereunto annexed
Witness Shelburne G. Jewett Esquire Chief
Judge at Albany the twenty seventh day of
July in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty seven.

Ch. T. Burton Clerk



To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come or may concern

I Freeborn G. Jewett Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York do certify that the foregoing attestation of Charles S. Benton the Clerk & the Seal of the said Court thereto annexed is in due form

Given under my hands at Skamatis, in said State the thirty first day of July
one thousand eight hundred forty seven.

Freeborn G. Jewett

Filed January 20 1849

J. L. Rose

Atlantic

Robert L Rose
Appraiser
Abraham L. Beaumont
vs
Orson Barbour as
Administrator of the
Estate of Nathaniel Allen
~~Deceased~~ deceased

In the Probate
Court of the
County of Vigo
in the State of
Indiana
October Term 1847

It is hereby agreed
by and between the said Rose and the
said Barbour as administrators as afore-
said to submit the ~~claim~~ & debt of the
or demand against the estate of the said
deceased arising or due upon the judg-
ment ~~of which is the record of which~~ ^{and which is assigned to said Rose} ~~of which is the~~ cer-
tified transcript is hereto attached and
the interest which has accrued thereon to
the summary decision of said Court. The
said Rose claims interest on ~~said~~ ^{the} ~~debt~~
the amount of said judgment to wit
\$3757.77 ~~to be~~ ^{from the day and year of} the date of the render-
ing of said judgment to wit the 3^d day of
August in the year 1839 at the rate of 7 per
Centum per annum, and the said Rose avers
that by the law of the State of New York inter-
~~est is allowed and compounded at the rate of~~
seven dollars upon one hundred dollars
for one year and after that rate for a greater
or less term or for a longer or shorter time.

Jas H. Henry
Atty for said Rose
Orson Barbour
Administrator and he

Reserves the right to show any payments
upon said judgment if he sees fit to open

said judgment at any time & make his
defence thereon upon showing such payment
and ~~a~~ proof and declaration in this
case as hereby named.

Jas H. Henry
 Alf M. S. Rose
 Orson Barbour

Administrators of
 Nathl Allen

The court may enter a judgment
upon this claim.

Orson Barbour

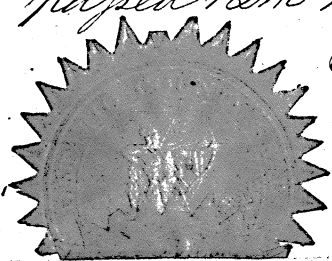
Schur of Nathl Allen

Supreme Court
 Abraham S. Beaumont
 vs
 Nathaniel Allen
 State of New York
 Damages & Costs \$375.77
 Judgment Docketed 3^d August
 1829. W. Sison
 Attorney

County of Seneca
 Canandaigua 22 July 1847

Alexander W. Howell
 Clerk of said County do hereby

certify that the preceding is a correct transcript from the
 Docket of a Judgment remaining undischarged of Record
 in the Supreme Court Docket transferred to this Office
 from Geneva by an Act of the Legislature of said State
 passed 12th May 1847.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed the seal of said
 County at the time and place to this Certificate
 above written.

Alex W. Howell

I Abraham S. Beaumont the plaintiff above named do
 hereby sell assign & transfer to Robert S. Rose of Richmond
 in the County of Ontario & State of New York, the above
 described Judgment, and authorize him to do all things
 therewith which I could lawfully do for value received
 by me. This 23^d day of July A.D. 1847—
 at his cost & risk & without expense or charge to me

A. S. Beaumont



State of New York
 Wayne County

3 p. On the 24th day of July 1847
 before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said
 county came Abraham S. Beaumont whom I know
 to be the person described in and who executed the
 above assignment of Judgment and acknowledged
 he had executed the same.

Hugh Jamison

STATE OF NEW YORK,
WAYNE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, } ss.

ty, hereby certify that

I, *Hugh Jamison* ALEXANDER B. WILLIAMS, Clerk of said County,

Esq., before whom the execution of the annexed instrument was proved or acknowledged, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a *Justice of the Peace* in and for said County, duly authorized to take the same. And that I am well acquainted with his hand-writing, and verily believe his name subscribed to the certificate of such proof or acknowledgment, to be genuine. And further, that the annexed instrument is executed and proved or acknowledged in due form according to the laws of the State of New-York, to entitle it to be recorded therein.



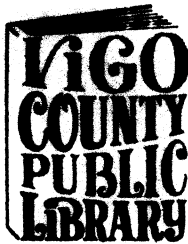
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the ~~COURT OF COMMON PLEAS~~, of said County, this 24, day of *July* 1847

S. B. Gavitt

CLERK.

Filed January 20th 1849

1847



Allen Family

Debra L. Bailey
6226 4th Ave. N.W.
Seattle WA 98107

August 20, 1992

Thanks for the check for \$2.50 that you enclosed in your letter of August 14th.; however, it cost the library \$3.67 so I would appreciate it if you sent the library an additional check for the balance of \$1.17. I'm sure the copies will help you a lot.

I was able to send you everything that you requested except #5. We do not have any good map of the state in 1850 that shows all the cities. If you are looking for the whereabouts of a town of that era that no longer exists, we do have gazeteers that would tell about it.

Regarding item 6 I am sending you the oldest (1858) plat map of Vigo county that we have. It comes in two sections and should be spliced where I have indicated lightly in pencil. Please note that a "C. Woodling" owned part of Sec. 34 in Prairieton Twp., and an "R. Allen" owned land in Sections 21 and 22. Other Allens are in sections 27 and 28. The C. Woodling owned land adjacent to William Ransford Bentley. I have talked to W. R. Bentley's grandson - yes, grandson Earl Voges (1904-), who is still alive and owns the old homeplace that was built in 1848-49.

I thought you would also enjoy the 1874 map of Vigo county. Although the Woodlings were gone from Vigo county, Robert Allen still had a big farm in Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28 of Linton Twp. in 1874. Doubtlessly there is biographical information on him, but you may already have it along with probate records, etc.

David N. Lewis

David N. Lewis
SpC Research Ass't

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14 July 1992

Debra L. Bailey
6226 4th Ave. N.W.
Seattle, WA 98107

Vigo County Public Library
David Lewis, Special Collections
One Library Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Dear Mr. Lewis

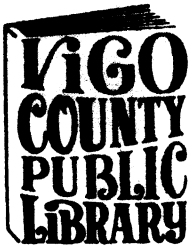
I truly appreciate your quick response to my inquiry letter re genealogy research. I also am very grateful to the County Clerk who sent my letter re birth certificates and marriage licenses to you that resulted in Mary Margaret Jacoll's sending me a copy of marriage registration for my gr-gr-grandparents. What a wonderful system you are a part of.

I am enclosing a check for \$2.50 to cover copies and postage for some of the information you found. The list of this data is listed below and if I miss-calculated the number of copies or postage please contact me for additional monies.

1. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County 1840 - 1920:
 - ✓ a. pg. 8 John H. Woodling to Nancy Roland Jan. 28, 1841
 - ✓ b. pg. 37 Eliakim R. Allen to Eliza Woodling Jan. 21, 1943
2. Cemeteries in Vigo County vol. 2, pg. 15
 - ✓ a. Robert Allen died Dec. 23, 1891
 - ✓ b. Elizabeth Allen died June 27, 1892
3. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, including All Born Prior to 1830 that lived to Maturity:
 - ✓ a. Jacob Woodling Jr. died Dec. 24, 1840
 - ✓ b. Jacob Woodling Sr. died Oct. 13, 1844
4. As to the Censuses you located in the indexes, I would like a copy of the page of the census includes these individuals:
 - a. Robert Allen, wife Emily — 1850 census ✓
the following are all 1840 census
 - b. Abram Woodling — 837 ✓
 - c. Chas. Woodling — 775 ✓
 - d. Fras. Woodling — 761 ✓
 - e. J. Woodling — 773 ✓
 - f. Jno. F. Woodling — 773 ✓
 - g. David Woodling — 460 ✓
 - h. Peter Woodling — 040 ✓
5. I would also be interested in map of Indiana in 1840 and 1850s that shows cities, etc.
6. Also if there are plat maps for 1840 and 1850 that show who owned property, especially if Woodlings and Allens are listed on it.

Thank you very much for your help in this never ending project of mine.
Hilda L. Bailey

Allen Family



Irene Shoemaker
R.R. 1, Box 100 P
Griggsville IL 62340

January 29, 1992

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for Harvey Heath Allen. I was surprised that I didn't find him mentioned in anything except the census. Since he was age 70 in 1880, I expected to find him in one of the cemeteries. However, our cemetery books are not complete so perhaps he was buried in a cemetery for which we don't have records.

If you still have my letters from August 9 and 28, you can see that Harvey Allen and John or Polly Mahurin lived near each other in Pierson township, Vigo county, in 1860, 1870, and 1880. In 1850 they were in Salt Creek township, Jackson county. In 1850 Harvey's wife was Elizabeth, but by 1860 he was married to Lorahama. However, I didn't find the marriage to Lorahama in either Jackson or Vigo county. It looks as though Elizabeth could have been the mother of Joseph and Joel.

The 1850 census listed Harvey, his wife, and the children as born in Kentucky. The youngest child was age 7 so they were in Kentucky until 1843. There was a Silas Mahurin from Kentucky living next door to Harvey, and I suspect that they were neighbors back in Kentucky. We do not have an index to the 1840 Kentucky census, but you need to check one to see where in Kentucky they came from.

Do you know where in Ohio your Shoemaker ancestor was married? No doubt the records would be in that county. Was his first name Harvey too or Henry? The 1850 Ohio census index lists an eleven year old Harvey Shoemaker in Butler county and many Henrys in various counties. There is an index to the 1860 Ohio census. We do not have a copy of it, but no doubt a large Ohio library could send you a copy of the Shoemaker pages.

If you would like copies of 1850-70 census prints, the charge would be 15¢ per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched
for the surnames of:

Allen; Harvey Heath + Lorahama, Joseph
in response to your request of 1-72.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:

Did not find _____ Found _____

2. Surname File:

Did not find _____ Found _____

③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms
(in the county histories)

Did not find Harvey H. Found Allen, Harvey W. - Markle vol 2 p 4
Oakey p 364

4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:

Did not find _____ Found _____

⑤ W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:

Did not find _____ Found Allen, Harvey H. + Melinda
Abbot 5 Sept 1863 BK 3 p 87 - No Harvey + Lorahama

⑥ W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:

Did not find Harvey Found vol 1 p 10 Allen, H.W. - age 73 -
d 20 Sept 1896 BK CH 45 p 86 + BK CH 46 p 15

⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to
1830 That Lived to Maturity:

Did not find Harvey H. Found Allen, Harvey W. b. 18 Feb. 1823 d.
20 Sept 1896 + Mary A. b. 24 March 1826 d. 18 Jan 1890
Highland Lawn Cemetery

⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):

Did not find Harvey Found Many other Allens

⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of
Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:

Did not find Harvey Found _____

⑩ Census Index for the year 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880

Did not find _____ Found 1850 - John Mahuran + Harvey
Allen were in Jackson Co p 112 +
114 (over)

⑪ Other: (also check other side)

WPA Index to Jackson County Marriage Records 1850 -
1920 - No Harvey Allen + Lorahama

#10. In 1850 Harvey Allen had a wife Elizabeth + children all born in Kentucky.

1860 Joh Mahuan + Harvey Allen in Vigo County p 458

1870 Pollyann Mahuron + Harvey Allen in Vigo County p 295

1880 Prerson Twp. Vigo Co Ind ED208, Sheet 2, Line 16
Joseph Allen, Harvey Allen + Polly Mahurin

1850 Census Oxford Twp., Butler Co. Ohio p 409
4 Aug 1850

#466/486	Geo. Bornoman (?)	35	Laborer - Germany
	Margaret "	38	Tenn
	Hatva Shoemaker	11	Ohio
	Sarah "	9	"

Vigo Co.
Public Library
Nancy Sherrill

Rt. 1, Box 100P
Griggsville, Ill.
62346

Jan 1992

Genealogy Librarian

In Aug. or Sept. I wrote you I was waiting for pension records on my grand father, Joseph Allen and his widow and three dependent daughters - Those records & many pages were sent to me, but lacked some things that I wanted, I have been well pleased with what you sent me. So much as it tallies and agrees with what I remembered from my mother's telling me.

I also talked to her half sister Ollie (Haylett) Keegan dau. of Emily (Mahurin) Allen - Haylett. We have visited back & forth for many years she lives on part of their original home place which her son Jr. Keegan bought - it is a Terre Haute R.R. address. She's frail and has not been here for over a year. her son & dau. in law have been here since that, and my sister

8-9-91

8-28-91

Harvey Allen b. c 1814 in KY, married
wife Elizabeth in KY + children b. KY thru
1843 - in 1850 he was in Jackson Co.
+ in 1860 he was in Vigo Co.

no Harvey H. Allen + Lorahama in
Jackson Co WPA Man Rec 1850-1920

Harvey H. Allen + Melinda abt 5 Sept
1853⁶³³ pk 3 p 87 Vigo Co WPA

no Harvey + Lorahama in Vigo Co WPA
1850 Ohio

Harva Shoemaker - Butler Co. Oxford Twp
4 Aug 1850 p 409
#4661486 Geo Bornoman? - 35 - Laborer -

Margaret	38	Germany
Harva Shoemaker	11	Jenn Ohio
Sarah	9	"

* bro-in-law was out there this
past summer - I asked Aunt Alice
if her maternal grand parents were
John and Pallyassin (Lucas) Mahurin
She said they were, so you was
right in your surmise that
the Harry Heath Allen who lived
on one side of Joseph Allen
and Pally Mahurin on the other
side were Joseph's father and
Emily's mother.

I had hoped the Pension Records
would have more about Joseph's ^{Allen}
parents I have had to lay this
all aside for months, due to
health problems, but I feel a need
to get all I can together for 5 gen.

Charts Jackson⁺ #1 ^{father of Joseph?}
I need more on Harry Heath Allen
family, if you can I got it - who
were his parents, where born
died - anything on the ancestors
also who was Lord Hama sp. Harry's
wife before marriage?
you were right too on Joseph and
Jesse Allen being bro. &
marrying Mahurin girl.

Thanks so much for every
thing - I have just joined the
Pike Co. Ill. gene. society here
in Sugarville, hoping to

find more on my shoemaker
ancestors - my gr. fa. Shoemaker
was also a Civil War vet -
both couples married in 1866
Allens in Sept. Shoemakers Dec.,
Shoemakers in Ohio - Allens in
Indiana. Like gr. gr. fa. Harry Allen
gr. gr. gr. fa Shoemaker (Henry) #2

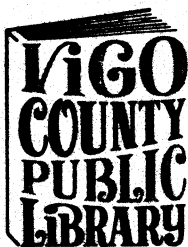
I have nothing on his parents
So if you will see if you can
find something on Harry Shoemaker
Parents and what was Harry's
wifes maiden name - & any
thing on her parents.

Then send me a bill for all
copies - And too, I usually pay
an hourly rate to the researcher
and I would be happy to do
the same for you.

I feel I won't be able to keep
at this much longer so will
appreciate any help.

Sincerely Irene Shoemaker
1880 Census for Vigo Co Ind
was what mostly you sent
but other dates too. Thanks

Allen Family



Barbara I. Caudill
316 Crestwood
Tilton IL 61833

January 19, 1988

The obituaries of Eleanor, Margaret, Jesse C., Samuel, and Susan Allen Smith are enclosed. We could not find an obituary for Sarah Allen Smith.

I am also sending a research report listing the sources we checked for the Alpheus G. Allen family, as well as various copies. We did find them listed on the 1860 and 1870 censuses. The 1870 census is almost too faint to read. The 1860 census shows Alpheus, age 36, living next door to Abram Allen, age 47, and Richard Allen, age 83. I think they were likely his brother and father as they were all born in NJ. The cemetery records show that Abram and Richard were buried in Quaker Cemetery and Ferba, Cintha, and Ebline in Smith Cemetery. With Ferba's death date we were able to find her obituary. Goodness knows what the woman's name really was! We have found her listed as Freda, Febra, Pheby, and Ferby! The 1874 Vigo county atlas shows that Alpheus G. Allen came from Sussex county NJ and lived near Levi Bogard in Honey Creek township.

Nancy Sherrill
Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Allen, Alpheus + Febra (Bogard), Susan, Febra, Retta in response to your request of 1-5-88. Sarah, Cintha, Eblina

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find Alpheus, etc. Found Other Allens
2. Surname File:
Did not find Alpheus, etc. Found Other Allens
3. Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found Alpheus G. - Atlas p20 + Markle
Markle vol 2 p 27 just lists vol 2 p 27
early settlers with unusual Febra - Markle vol 2 p 27
names
4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find _____ Found vol 1 p 21 - Alpheus Allen + Herby Bogard
13 Oct 1852 Book CB p 252
5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found vol 1 p 21 Alpheus Allen + Herby
Bogard 13 Oct 1852 Book CB p 252 (over)
6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find _____ Found vol 1 p 10 Allen, Febra - age 85 -
19 Jan 1917 - Honey Creek Twp - Vol H 42 p 239
7. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find _____ Found Allen, Alpheus G. d. 4 June 1892 age 70y
3m 3d. + Febra Bogard b. 30 Oct 1831 d. 19 Jan 1917 Smith Cemetery
8. Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find _____ Found Vol 3 p 17 - Quaker Cemetery -
Allen, Abram, Elizabeth wife of Richard, Richard, + Harriet, daughter of R + E
Also Bogard, Harriet + Mary (over)
9. Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find _____ Found Other Allens
10. Census Index for the year 1860 + 1870 Vigo: 1880 IN
Did not find _____ Found 1860 - Allen, Silas² with wife Phebe p 390 + 391
1870 - Allen, Alpheus G. p 201
1880 - Not in Soundex

Other: (also check other side)

#5 vol 1 p 26 - 7 Sarah Allens but none who married
a McRae

Allen, Susan + Samuel Smith 25 July 1893 Book 12 p 403
also Allen, Susan R. + Benjamin F. Harriett 3 July 1880
Book 8 p 150

vol 1 p 23 Emma R. Allen + Jesse C. Davis 14 Oct 1883
Book 9 p 415

#8 - vol 43 p 125 - Smith Cemetery. Allen, Cintha, Eblene, +
F. Bogard, wife of A. G.

Sprintouts = 50¢

January 5, 1988

Nancy Sherrill,

Please send me a copy of the obituary for each name listed below. They should have appeared in your ? Tribune Star newspaper or whichever paper you have in Vigo Co. Ind.

1. Eleanor Smith died: 1 Oct. 1978 ✓
2. Margaret Smith d: 17 Feb. 1966 ✓
3. Jesse C. Smith d: 17 Nov. 1970 ✓
4. Samuel Smith d: 25 Dec. 1951 ✓
5. Susan Allen Smith d: 22 Dec. 1951 ✓
6. Sarah Allen Smith d: 24 Oct. 1924
→ Has not in our 1924 obit index

Please find enclosed \$2.00 cash to cover the copies and postage.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Caudill

316 Crestwood

Tilton, Illinois 61833

1 printout	.10
3 long printouts	.45
6 xerox	.60
postage	<u>1.15</u>
	90

January 5, 1988 2.05
+ 50
2.55

Nancy Sherrill,

Please try to locate information on
Alphons or Alphens G. Allen and wife
Ferb or Febra Bogard married Oct. 14, 1852.

Children

Susan Allen
Ferbe Allen
Retta Allen
Sarah Allen
Cynthia Allen
Eblene Allen

If they show up on a census, I need to know
if this is all of the children & ages. I need
to know all I can on Mr. Allen.

Sincerely,
Barbara L. Caudill
316 Crestwood
Tilton, Illinois 61833

Allen
A450

Allen Family



Irene Shoemaker
R.R. 1, Box 100 P
Griggsville IL 62340

July 24, 1991

The Vigo County Historical Society forwarded your letter of July 7 to the library.

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for your ancestors. I found many Allens but only a few with the first names you mentioned. I found your mother listed as a five year old child on the 1880 census and also found the marriage license of her parents. I found marriages for a Minnie, a Luella, and a Mandie Allen but don't know if they were the right ones. By the time Emily married Andy Hazlett the county clerks were asking the names of parents of those who applied for marriage licenses. Emily said her parents were John Mahurin and Polly Lucas. I found that a J. W. Allen was buried in Taylor Cemetery in Pierson township, but his stone only gave his Civil War regiment and company without dates. If you think he could have been your grandfather, you can send the enclosed form to the National Archives for his records.

If you would like copies of any of the items listed on the research report, our charge is 10¢ per page (15¢ for census and marriage supplement pages), plus postage.

REFERENCE
DO NOT CIRCULATE

Nancy Sherrill
Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Allen, Joseph + Emily (Mahurin), Mandy May, Louella, in response to your request of 7-7-91. Minnie Frances

- ① Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find _____ Found Allen, Joseph Albert d. 9 Jan. 1945
Sbk 85A p 47
- ② Surname File:
Did not find _____ Found Large Allen family file but
Joseph, Emily, etc. are not mentioned.
- ③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms
(in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found Allen, Joseph - Oakley p 564
Allen, Joseph H. - Bradsby p 413; Allen, Emily - Bradsby p 891
Allen, Emily S. - Bradsby p 659; Allen, Emily (Stout) Bradsby p 660
4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find _____ Found _____
- ⑤ W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Allen, Joseph W. + Emma F.
Maharon 5 Sept. 1866 BK 4 p 65; A Jesse W. Allen m Adeline
Mahurin 3 March 1864 BK 3 p 184; Allen, Luella + James F.
Norris 8 Dec 1888 BK 11 p 120 (over)
- ⑥ W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find Emily, Joseph Found Many Allens - found a Joseph
W. who d. 1906 at age 19 + a Joseph who d. 1916 at age 41
- ⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to
1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find Joseph, Emily Found Other Allens
- ⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find _____ Found vol 2 p 32 - Allen, J.W. Co F.
31st Ind. Inf. - No dates - Taylor Cemetery - Many other
Allens - Only Emily was a wife of a Robert Allen + she
d. 1852
- ⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of
Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find Joseph, Emily Found Many other Allens
- ⑩ Census Index for the year 1880:
Did not find _____ Found 1880 Census Pickson Twp. Vigo Co Ind.
ED 208 Sheet 2 Line 16
Allen, Joseph - 40 - b. Ind.
" Emily 30 "
" Mary Luella 7 "
" Amanda May 5 "
" Minnie Frances 1 "

Other: (also check other side)

H.S. Allen, Mandie + Theodore Daniels 7 June 1909 BK 26 p 262
(Mandie b. 8 April 1881)

Allen, May + William H. Simmons 6 Feb. 1909 BK 25 p 523
(May b. 27 May 1884)

Allen, May C. + Charles V. Coffin 17 April 1897 BK 14 p 241

Allen, Minnie + James Hartman 21 March 1915 BK 39 p 479
(Minnie b. 2 Jan. 1898)

Allen, Minnie B + William W. Christy 7 June 1899 BK 15 p 176

Many other Allens

Allen, Emma F + Andrew K. Hazlett 19 March 1884 BK 9 p 522
+ Supplements 1M p 161

Marriage Record 1M, March 1882 - July 1886, Vigo County p 16 p +
161

Andy Hazlett - Res. Vigo Co - Farmer - age 27 - b. Ind.

Father Jas. Hazlett - Mother Isabell Clauling

Emma Allen - Maiden Name Mahurin - Res. Vigo County
age 30 - born Ind - Father John Mahurin - Mother Polly

Lucas - Married 19 March 1884 by Joseph P. Chapman J.P.

Allen
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Yugagsiree
Rt. 1 Box 100 P
IL 62340
July 7, 1991

To Genealogical Society
That includes Lewis, Ind

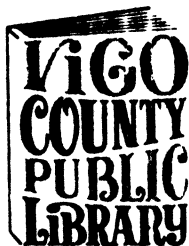
This is a rather incomplete letter of
request

I'm wanting information on my mother's
parents, gr. parents even gr. gr. gr. Parents
my mother was Mandy May Allen, born
some where in or near Lewis

Her parents, Joseph Allen and
Emily (Mahurin) Allen. My mother was
born 30 May, 1875 - There was also a dau.
Louella, and a Minnie Francis
My gr. father was in the Civil War,
in Ind. infantry - Buried in or near Lewis
Ind. Veterans marker, he died 1880 - 1883
or there about, I just do not know

County or Town ship or name of Cemetery
Emily re-married to Andy Hazelst and died
in Arkansas. I have Mom's half sister
Allie Keegan still living but she doesn't know
anything of Joseph A. I have found a
Genealogical Society to be of much help
If you can help I will appreciate it so much
I'm inclosing stamped envelope and hope to
hear something. I asked the Lewis Post Master
for help in address. Sincerely

Irene Shoemaker



Irene Shoemaker
R.R. 1, Box 100 P
Griggsville IL 62340

August 28, 1991

I magnified the 1880 census as much as possible, but Harvey Allen's wife's name is still hard to read. The first letters look like "Lor" and the last four like "hama", but the middle letters are unreadable. However, I had much better luck with the 1870 census and found the following entries:

Pierson Twp., Vigo Co., Ind. 22 June 1879 Cookely P.O. p. 295

226/226	Mahuron,	Pollyann	44	Keeping house	Ind.
	"	Lindsey	18	Farming	"
	"	Amanda	15		"
	"	Madison	12		"
	"	Jesse	9		"
227/227	Allen,	Harvey	61	Farmer	Kentucky
	"	Lorahama	63	Keeping house	Ind.
	"	Malinda	12		"

The handwriting is very good on this census, and the name is clearly "Lorahama." I wonder if Malinda was a granddaughter.

I found the following entries on the 1860 and 1850 censuses.

Pierson Twp., Vigo Co. Ind. 23 July 1860. Lewis P.O. page 458

918/884	Harvey Allen	50	Farmer	Kentucky
	Larhaclama "	54		"
	Malinda "	3		"
921/887	John Mahuan	45	Farmer	Ind
	Pollyann "	35		"
	Adaline "	15		"
	Emely "	9		"
	Linzey "	8		"
	Amanda "	6		"
	Madison "	3		"
	Francis M. Lucas	18	Day laborer	Ind.
	Joel Allen	19	Farm laborer	"
	Silas Maples	19	"	"

Salt Creek Twp., Jackson Co. Ind. 25 Aug 1850 p. 112

233/236	John Mahuran	25	Farmer	Ind.
	Polly A. "	23		"
	Adaline "	5		"
	Emily F. "	6/12		"

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Irene Shoemaker
August 28, 1991
Page two

26 Aug 1850 p. 114

#226/209	Luceford Mahuron	31	Farmer	Kentucky
	Cynthia A.	28		Ind.
	Jesse	10		"
	Eliza	8		"
	William D.	7		"
	Dons (?) G.	4 (male)		"
	Martin	2/12		"
#267/270	Silas Mahuran	60	Farmer	Kentucky
	Lucy	57		"
#268/271	Harvy Allen	36	Farmer	Kentucky
	Elizabeth	49		"
	Mary S. Hall	18		"
	William "	11		"
	Joseph W. Allen	9		"
	Joel Allen	7		"

It appears that the Allens and Mahurins were neighbors for many years in Vigo and Jackson counties and perhaps even in Kentucky. I wonder if there was a relationship between them before Joseph married Emily. I noticed that John Mahurin even had a Joel Allen working for him in 1860.

The 60 year old Silas Mahurin on the 1850 census was old enough to have been the father of John and Luceford. I was surprised to see that Harvey Allen's wife was Elizabeth in 1850. She was much older than Harvey; could she have been a widow and the mother of Mary and William Hall? Was she the mother of Joseph and Joel? I would have thought this was the wrong Harvey if Joseph and Joel hadn't been in the household. The only other Harvey Allen in the 1850 Indiana census index was in Vigo county, but he was age 27 and born in Virginia. He had a wife Mary and a son Walter, so he can't have been your man. I also noticed that your Harvey's name was always spelled "Harvy" on the censuses.

If you would like copies from the censuses, please send the library \$1.35 for copies and postage.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

Dune Shoemaker
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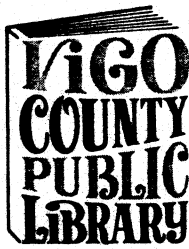
NANCY SHERRILL
GENEALOGY
LIBRARIAN

R.I., BOX 100
GRIGGSVILLE
IL. 62340
AUG 16, 1991

Thank You so much
for the copies you sent me
now - if you can please send
me any of the following
info. I can complete 5 Gen
charts for several counties
on the SHOENAKER-ALLEN
FAMILY

THE HARVEY H. ALLEN LISTED
ON 1880 CENSUS IS MY
GREAT GRAND FATHER I
CANNOT MAKE OUT THE WIFE'S
NAME - I NEED INFO ON HER
HER NAME WAS LOGANAMIE
OR LOGAAMY - I DON'T KNOW
CORRECT SPELLING -
AND IF ITS AVAILABLE, WHO
WAS HARVEY HEATHS? PARENTS
ANYTHING ON THEM WOULD
BE NEEDED, AND SEND ME
BILL FOR ANY COST. DO
YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS
OR SHOULD I GET A RESEARCH
PERSON
Shene Shoenaker

Allen Family



Chlorine Bunch
R.R. #2, Box 469
Harrisonville MO 64701

February 10, 1989

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources we checked for your ancestors. As you can see, we did find the marriage of Dominicus Allen and also found him listed on the 1860 census. I believe the family may have left Vigo county, as we didn't find him on the 1870 census or in the cemetery records. It seems that the son James did stay in Vigo county. There are several pages of Allens in the WPA index to marriages from 1840 to 1920. Common names such as William or Sarah are repeated many times so it's difficult to tell whether Dominicus' younger children married in this county.

If you would like copies of any of the items on the research report, our charge is 10¢ per page, plus postage.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Allen; Dominicus + Catherine, Eliza + James in response to your request of 2-6-89.

- ① Miscellaneous Card File:
Did not find Dominicus, etc. Found Other Allens
- ② Surname File:
Did not find Dominicus Found Large file on various other Allens, including a Peter B. + a Nathaniel
- ③ Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found over
- ④ Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find _____ Found Allen, Dominicus + Catherine Taylor 18 Aug 1831
- ⑤ W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found vol 1 p24 - Ten James Allens but none married to Eliza Cochran or Clayton. James T. married Elizabeth C. Williamson on 11 Feb. 1863. Allen, Elizabeth + Cyrus Bush 26 May 1857.
- ⑥ W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find Dominicus, etc. Found Many other Allens
- ⑦ Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find Dominicus Found Other Allens
- ⑧ Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find Dominicus Found Many other Allens
- ⑨ Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find Dominicus Found Other Allens
- ⑩ Census Index for the year 1860 + 1870 Vigo Co
Did not find _____ Found D.A. or B.A. Allen Vigo Co p449

(over)

Other: (also check other side)

1870 - No Dominicus or D.A. Allen in Vigo County

#3. Allen, Dominicus A. - Bradsby p 357
 " Catherine (Taylor) " " "

Many references to various James Allens: James C.,
 James K. Dr. James L., James M. & James Montesquieu,
 James W.

#10 Pierson Township, Vigo County, IN 20 July 1860 p 449 & 450
 #862/828 D.A. (?) Allen - 61 - Farmer - \$1250 real estate b. Ohio
 \$300 personal estate

Catharine	"	49			
William	"	19	Farm Laborer		KY
Zachariah	"	17			IN
Josephina	"	15			"
Elisha	"	10			"
Sara	"	7			"
Cyrus Bush		32	Farm Laborer		"
Elizabeth	"	28			"
George	"	2			"
Mary	"	5/12			"
#863/829 James W. Allen		25	Farmer	\$100 personal	"
Elizabeth	"	21			"
Thomas	"	2			"
Samuel	"	6/12			"

Pierson Township, Vigo Co. IN 22 June 1870 p 296
 #236/236 Allen, James - 34 - Farmer - \$2400 + \$485 - Ind.
 " Elizabeth 31 Keeping House " "
 " Samuel 10 " "
 " George 8 " "
 " Edgar 6 " "
 " Uriah 4 " "
 " Erasmus 4 " "
 " William 2 " "
 " Shames (?) 3/19 " "

2-6-89

Hello,

I'm working on my family history. I need more info. on Dominicus Allen. In 1840 + 1850 census in Vigo Co, Pierson township. Wife name Catherine (would like to know her maiden name.)

		age	place of birth
yr. 1850	Dominicus	53	Ohio
	Catherine	38	Ky
	Ely	18	Ind
	James	15	Ind

Value of Real Est owned \$ 200

Dominicus + Catherine may have married around 1831 or 1832. Would like info + marriage Cert. if possible. Any info or copies of the Real Est.

Dominicus + Catherine's son James may have married around 1859 or 60 to a Ely Cochran or Clayton. Is there a record of marriage. Any help would be appreciated.

1970 296

Thank you very much
Chlorine Bunch
Rt 2 B of 469
Hiville Mo 64701

Harrisonville MO 64701

Allen Family

Fairbanks Memorial Library,
222 North Seventh Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
August 8, 1952

Mrs. Charles D. Townsend,
Genealogical Research,
11 Lexington Road,
West Hartford 7, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Townsend:

As genealogy librarian at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, and as chairman of the genealogy committee of the Vigo County Historical Society, I was very much interested in your letter of July 21, 1952, addressed to Mr. L. C. Halberstadt. The letter reached me through Miss Hazel E. Bungard, acting head librarian.

I have searched our early newspaper files, our obituary files, and A. R. Markle's cemetery records, and have found nothing to verify the deaths of Samuel Allen, who is said to have passed away in Terre Haute on 14 March 1864, or his son, Rufus Clapp Allen who is said to have passed away here on 7 January 1914.

Perhaps if we had more family names and dates it might enable us to trace from another source. We would be glad to hear from you again, and you may be assured we will keep your request for information on file. We will write you immediately if we find anything in connection with your Allen family.

Sincerely yours,

LaVerne Hughes
(Mrs.) La Verne Hughes
Genealogy Chairman

INDIANA, PAST AND PRESENT

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and forty-nine thousand to be surveyed for the individual claimants. The tract chosen was at and above the falls of the Ohio and now lies mostly in Clark county, Ind., though lapping over into Floyd and Scott counties. It was first called the "Illinois Grant," the conquered territory being known as the "Illinois county," but later took the name of Clark's Grant." The principal surveyor was William Clark, the cousin of George Rogers Clark. The thousand acres for the town site was located, at the falls, between the present Jeffersonville and New Albany, and was called Clarksville. The rest was apportioned among a total of 300 men, ranging in amount from 108 acres for each private to 3,049 acres to General Clark. There has been some criticism of this division, the feeling being that privates should have received 600 acres each, that being the amount suggested in the letter of Jefferson, Mason and Wyeth, above spoken of. Of the men who received lands in this tract by no means all settled there, but many sold their portions, preferring the cash benefit.

The surveys of Clark's Grant, taking the Ohio river for a base, do not correspond to the rectangular system as it exists over the State generally and thus the original donation can be readily located on any map that shows the congressional townships.

For exhaustive information on this subject see English's "Conquest of the Northwest."

THE WABASH LAND COMPANY—The Wabash Land Company, which negotiated what was perhaps the first land deal in Indiana, dates back to 1775. Then, as now, real estate speculators were a thrifty class and their opportunities were great. In the year mentioned Louis Vivial, the agent of the company mentioned, negotiated with the Piankeshaw Indians at Vincennes for two tracts of land bordering on the Wabash river, that, besides a large tract out of eastern Illinois, comprised perhaps one-half of Indiana. The first, extending along the Wabash above Vincennes for 120 miles, reached from the river westward for ninety and eastward for 120 miles. The

other, extending from the mouth of White river to the junction of the Wabash and the Ohio, reached the same distance west and east as the first one. This eastward stretch carried it almost across the present state. This vast possession amounting, all told, to about thirty-seven million, four hundred and ninety-seven thousand and six hundred acres was actually transferred, being "signed by the grantees, attested by a number of the inhabitants of Post Vincennes, and subsequently registered in the office of a notary public at Kaskaskia."* The contract between the parties, printed in full in Dillon's Indiana (pp. 104-9) is too long to reproduce here, though the purchasing price may be given. The items specified are: Five shillings in money, four hundred blankets, twenty-two pieces of stroud, two hundred and fifty shirts, twelve gross of star gartering, one hundred and twenty pieces of ribbon, twenty-four pounds of vermilion, eighteen pairs of velvet laced housings, one piece of malton, fifty-two fusils, thirty-five dozen large buckhorn-handle knives, forty dozen couteau knives, five hundred pounds of brass kettles, ten thousand gun flints, six hundred pounds of gunpowder, two thousand pounds of lead, four hundred pounds of tobacco, forty bushels of salt, three thousand pounds of flour, three horses; also, the following quantities of silverware, viz.: eleven very large arm-bands, forty wristbands, six wholemoons, six half-moons, nine earwheels, forty-six large crosses, twenty-nine hairpipes, sixty pairs of earbobs, twenty dozen small crosses, twenty dozen nose-crosses, and one hundred and ten dozen brooches."

All these commodities, amounting in value to but a very few thousand dollars, even when figured at traders' prices, doubtless seemed to the simple Indians a bewildering display of wealth. As a matter of fact, however, they got the best of the bargain, for Clark's conquest of the country threw it all into other hands; the claim of the Wabash Land Company was, of course, not confirmed, and later the land was again purchased of the original claimants by the United States.

CONCERNING JOHN ALLEN

By MERICA HOAGLAND

Brief Delineations.—In addition to the compendious county histories to appear in future issues, will be brief delineations of men for whom Indiana counties have been named but whose lives are comparatively unfamiliar. John Allen, whose name Allen County bears, has been erroneously designated as Ethan Allen, or William Allen.

Allen County Named.—When in 1823, the Indiana General Assembly passed an act, creating a new county, taken from Randolph and Delaware Counties, General John Tipton suggested naming it for Col. John Allen who had raised the first regiment of Kentucky Riflemen, Volunteers, and hastened to the

defense of Fort Wayne when, early in the War of 1812, it was threatened by an invasion of hostile Indians, allies of the British forces.

Exodus from Virginia.—Among those who joined the family caravans, leaving Virginia in 1780, for the promised land of Kentucky were James Allen, his wife, Mary Kelsey Allen, and their children of whom John, then a lad of eight years of age, was the eldest. Their route from Rockbridge County, Virginia, probably for the greater part, was over Boone's Wilderness Road. Upon horses rode the women and younger children, while pack horses carried the few most cherished pieces of colonial furniture, the

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household goods, camping outfits and meager food supplies. About three months were consumed in making the journey. It is related that John Allen walked most of the weary, dreary way. It was a silent company for there was constant danger of attacks from Indians and wild beasts. The Allen family proceeded towards the Falls of the Ohio, as Dougherty's Station, Kentucky, was their destination. In 1784 Mr. Allen moved his family to Simpson's Creek.

Education.—Two years later, we find John Allen entering Dominie Shackleford's school at Bardstown, seven and one-half miles distant from the Simpson Creek settlement. Afterwards young Allen finished his formal education under Dr. John Priest-



PORTRAIT OF JOHN ALLEN
Painted by Jouett. In Allen County Court House

ly, whose school succeeded Mr. Shackleford's. Somewhere, John Allen appears to have picked up a knowledge of surveying, for after graduating, while on a visit to relatives in Virginia, he acted as a witness in an important land suit in Rockbridge County, having assisted in the survey of the lands in litigation. Though but twenty years of age, his "extraordinary intelligence, quick perceptions and sound judgment" displayed as a witness, commended him to Judge Archibald Stuart who persuaded him to enter upon the study of law, making it possible for young Allen to render commensurate services in payment. The friendship and partnership thus formed, proved of mutual and lasting benefit. John Allen continued a member of Col. Stuart's family until 1795, when he returned to Kentucky, locating in Shelby County where he soon attained first rank in his profession, outstripping many brilliant competitors.

Marriage to Jane Logan.—John Allen married Jane Logan, the daughter of General Benjamin Logan and Mistress Ann Montgomery Logan. From 1800 to 1812 Mr. Allen served as Representative and Senator in the Kentucky General Assembly. Because of a court room insult, John Allen called Isham Talbott to the field. His antagonist making ample apology. Mr. Allen consented to withdraw from this duel. He was a member of the Grand Lodge of the Masons of Kentucky which he joined in 1810.

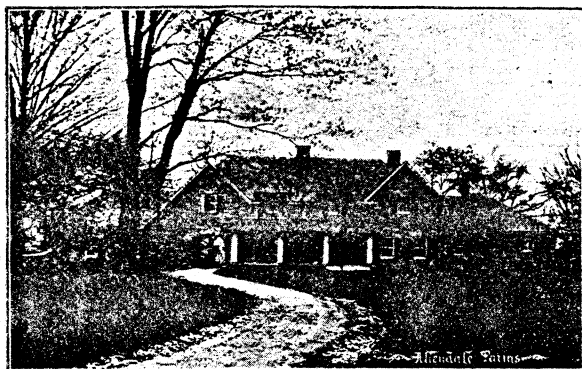
Legal Attainments.—The success of John Allen as an advocate, gained for him an enviable reputation for hundreds of miles and he was retained in all important law suits, receiving large fees for his services. Mrs. Mary Crittenden Haycroft, of the Kentucky State Library, at Frankfort, a great-granddaughter of John Allen; writes me she has her great-grandfather's Court of Appeals' Docket, of which she is justly proud. The early Kentucky Reports also show that he was very prominent in his profession as a lawyer. The Docket, mentioned above, evidences an unusual number of cases is the opinion of present-day lawyers who have examined it. John Allen vied with Joseph H. Daviess, his 1780 traveling companion from Virginia, friend and schoolmate of log cabin days. These two and Henry Clay, "the mill boy of the Slashes," often met in legal combats.

Defense of Aaron Burr.—When meteorlike, Aaron Burr flashed his brilliant presence upon the people of Kentucky, public opinion was divided as to his fealty to the U. S. In Frankfort, sentiment seems to have been strongly in favor of Burr and against the U. S. District Attorney, Joseph H. Daviess who filed the charge of high misdemeanor against Burr, following the famed Blennerhasset expose. After satisfying themselves that as far as could be ascertained, that Burr was engaged in "no design, contrary to the laws and peace of the country," Mr. Henry Clay and Mr. John Allen became his counsel. The Grand Jury returned a report, completely exonerating Burr. The rival balls given at Frankfort following this famous trial are matters of tradition. Long after the final arrest of Burr and his trial at Richmond, it is stated that the effect of this earlier trial was still apparent in Kentucky.

Candidate for Governor.—In 1808 John Allen had become a candidate for Governor, against General Charles Scott of Revolutionary fame. Considering Scott's military prestige and his final appeal for votes, it was greatly to Allen's credit that he was defeated for Governor by only one vote and later was returned to the State Senate with his reputation and vitality greatly strengthened by his gubernatorial race.

Commissioned Colonel.—Joseph H. Daviess and other brave Kentuckians yielded their lives in the Battle of Tippecanoe. Incited by the righteousness of America's cause and the death of his life long friends, while the war measure of 1812 was still pending in Congress, Mr. Allen urged the men of Kentucky to join the first regiment which on June 5, 1812, was completed and Col. Allen was fittingly

chosen as its commanding officer. Thus in the full tide of his professional, political and social career, we find this brilliant Kentucky Colonel leaving his devoted wife and children in the newly erected Shelbyville home, to respond to his country's call and Indiana's need. It is related that Col. Allen had no small part in frustrating the sinister designs of the Indians, putting them to flight, and relieving Fort Wayne, remaining there long enough to clear the ground from the fort to the site of the old Methodist College where now are laid off city lots and streets. This work was done under the command of Gen. William Henry Harrison. After razing a number of Indian villages and destroying the maize fields in the vicinity of Fort Wayne the soldiers returned to the fort, only to learn that Gen. Harrison had been superseded by Gen. Winchester, who with his soldiers left Fort Wayne, and, following the route down the Miami (Maumee) taken by Gen. Wayne eight years previous, reached old Fort Defiance, Ohio, September 30, 1812.



ALLEN DALE FARMS, SHELBYVILLE, KY.

Mutiny Avoided.—Provisions becoming very scarce, the men in the ranks were contemplating returning home, when Col. Allen addressed them. His wishes were complied with and a mutiny was thus nipped in the bud. Gen. Harrison had been reinstated but probably had no alternative except to allow Gen. Winchester to continue in command of the left wing of the army. It was at this juncture that Col. Allen evidenced his strong patriotism by offering to accompany Gen. Tupper, "in any station he thought proper to place him, from private soldier upwards." Tupper gladly accepted this offer and caused Allen to be announced as his aid. Many of the soldiers had left their Southland homes with only linen clothing which was ill adapted to the rigors of a northern winter. In his letters to his wife, Col. Allen depicted the hardships of this memorable winter, when the experiences of Valley Forge seem to have been repeated. The soldiers were later cheered by the bounteous supply of clothing sent them by the patriotic ladies of Kentucky.

Soldiers Sing.—In the midst of privations, the soldiers were for the most part cheerful, if not content. One of the Kentucky officers sang:

"Now's the time for mirth and glee,
Sing and laugh and dance with me."

This became a favorite refrain under all situations whether in the pelting of the storm, or crossing of the swamps when the soldiers were knee deep in water. The incongruity of the song was the theme of many a jest.

Battle of Brownstown.—On the morning of January 17, 1813, Col. Lewis with 550 men entered upon their march towards River Raisin, Michigan, followed by Col. Allen with 110 or 150 more men. The two detachments spent the night at Presque Isle and were in the Battle of Brownstown, of January 18, bravely fighting from 3:00 P. M. until dark. The rescue of Frenchtown having subsequently been accomplished, Gen. Winchester made the fateful mistake of trying to hold it without the aid of Gen. Harrison's wing of the army. The men under Gen. Winchester were allowed to rest in apparent security. The advancing years of Gen. Winchester, his love of ease, lack of recent practice in warfare, ignorance of Indian tactics and forest campaigning, appear to have contributed to the disasters which overtook him and his soldiers. Pickets were not even posted for the protection of the soldiers who passed the night of January 22 without evident alarm.

British Attack.—At daybreak, when the reveille was sounded, three of the enemy's guns were fired in quick succession. The British commander Col. Proctor, at the head of 2,000 British regulars, Canadians and Indians advanced to recapture Frenchtown. Soon all was confusion and the unprotected American soldiers were at the mercy of the savages. Col. Allen, completely disregarding his personal safety, left the comparative shelter of the pallisade and, with two companies of Kentucky soldiers, attempted to rally the soldiers as they fled down a narrow defile leading to the Rapids. In spite of the severe pain, resulting from a wound in his thigh, Col. Allen continued for two miles to cheer his men, begging them to halt and sell their lives as dearly as possible.

Slain by Indians.—Overcome by his injury, he is said to have sunk on a fallen tree, but to have arisen again to meet his advancing foes. Repulsing one of them he was slain by another who stealthily reached his side. Whether Col. Allen lost his life by tomahawk, rifle, or club will probably never be known with certainty. Mr. Logan C. Murray writes me concerning the death of his illustrious grandfather as follows: "A soldier afterwards told my grandmother that when he was being rushed by as a prisoner, in the hands of the British, he saw Col. Allen as he was fighting four men," said to have been two Indians and two British soldiers. It was the last ever heard of him. It was thought that he could never have escaped alive as the four men were clubbing him.

A Woman's Vigil.—Mr. Murray also writes: "My grandmother never believed that he was dead but felt certain that he would come to her, and for eight years she watched every tall figure approaching on horse-

back. She kept a candle burning in the window at night during that period; but he never returned and the meeting, we trust, was on a more peaceful field. We can but wonder if she then knew the truth of his massacre." Col. Allen's timepiece is the property of Mr. Murray, who thus describes it: "It is a quaint old French watch of plain gold with a closed face and plain figures on the plate. This watch was left upon a nail in his cabin, on the morning of his death. It is supposed in hurrying away, he forgot to take it with him, which I think was fortunate, because it was afterwards found in his cabin and given to my grandmother."

Last Letter.—Mr. Murray also speaks of Col. Allen's last letter written to his old preceptor, Judge Stuart, at Staunton, Va., the night of the 22d of January, 1813, in which he said that he would never be taken alive. After Judge Stuart's death the letter was in the possession of his son, the late Hon. A. H. H. Stuart. My inquiry sent to Staunton, Va., in 1913, was answered by Mr. Stuart's son-in-law and executor, Mr. Alex A. Robertson, an attorney of Staunton, Va., who stated that "no trace of this letter can be found." Fortunately some of the words of it are preserved by a family historian. After describing in detail the relative positions of the opposing forces and dwelling upon the certainty of an engagement the ensuing day, Col. Allen concluded: "I trust we will render a good account of ourselves, or that I will never live to bear the tale of our disgrace." For days the heroic dead remained without sepulchre but at last were consigned to a common grave. In 1848 while digging down a street in Monroe, Michigan, near where Frenchtown stood, human bones were found and identified by an aged French citizen, a survivor of the massacre who remembered the spot where the Kentuckians had been buried. On September 30, 1848, it is chronicled that "Col. Ed Brooks reaches Frankfort, Kentucky, with these bones which are interred in the State Cemetery. The skulls were cloven with the tomahawk."

Michigan Monuments.—On July 4, 1872, at Monroe, Mich., 100 veterans from Kentucky met to commemorate the Battle of Frenchtown and to join in the tributes paid to their brave comrades. Again on September 13, 1904, another commemoration occurred when a monument of cobblestones, or round heads, was dedicated as inscribed: "Michigan's tribute to Kentucky." John Allen's sacrifice places upon the people of Indiana and of Allen County, the plain duty of emulating Michigan's example in erect-

ing suitable memorials to commemorate the deeds of this brave man.

Portraits.—Two family portraits of Col. John Allen are known to be in existence. One belonged to Col. Allen's granddaughter, who married Judge William M. Dickson, of Avondale, Ohio. The other portrait, here reproduced, was painted by the Kentucky artist, Jouett. Col. Robert S. Robertson's attention was called to it by the late Col. Durrett, President of the Filson Club, of Louisville. Allen County commissioned Col. Robertson to negotiate the purchase of this portrait which is here reproduced. At the time this likeness was made Col. Allen is described as being more than six feet in height, as slenderly but compactly and gracefully built, his hair sandy, complexion florid and skin thin; his eyes were large, clear and bright, of a very deep blue, his whole appearance plainly indicating his Scoto-Celtic extraction. But a few blocks east of the imposing Allen County court house, where Col. Allen's portrait is hung, is a small plat of ground preserved because it is the site of the fort where was waged the early struggles for the freedom to which John Allen finally gave his life.

Allen Dale Farms.—Mrs. Bettie Allen Merriweather, a great-granddaughter of John Allen, successfully manages the estate where stood the home of Col. and Mrs. Allen. On the site of the original house, which was burned about twenty years ago, stands the present house, a cut of which appears here. It is filled with choice pieces of old family furniture and Allen Dale Farms are said to be kept in high state of cultivation.

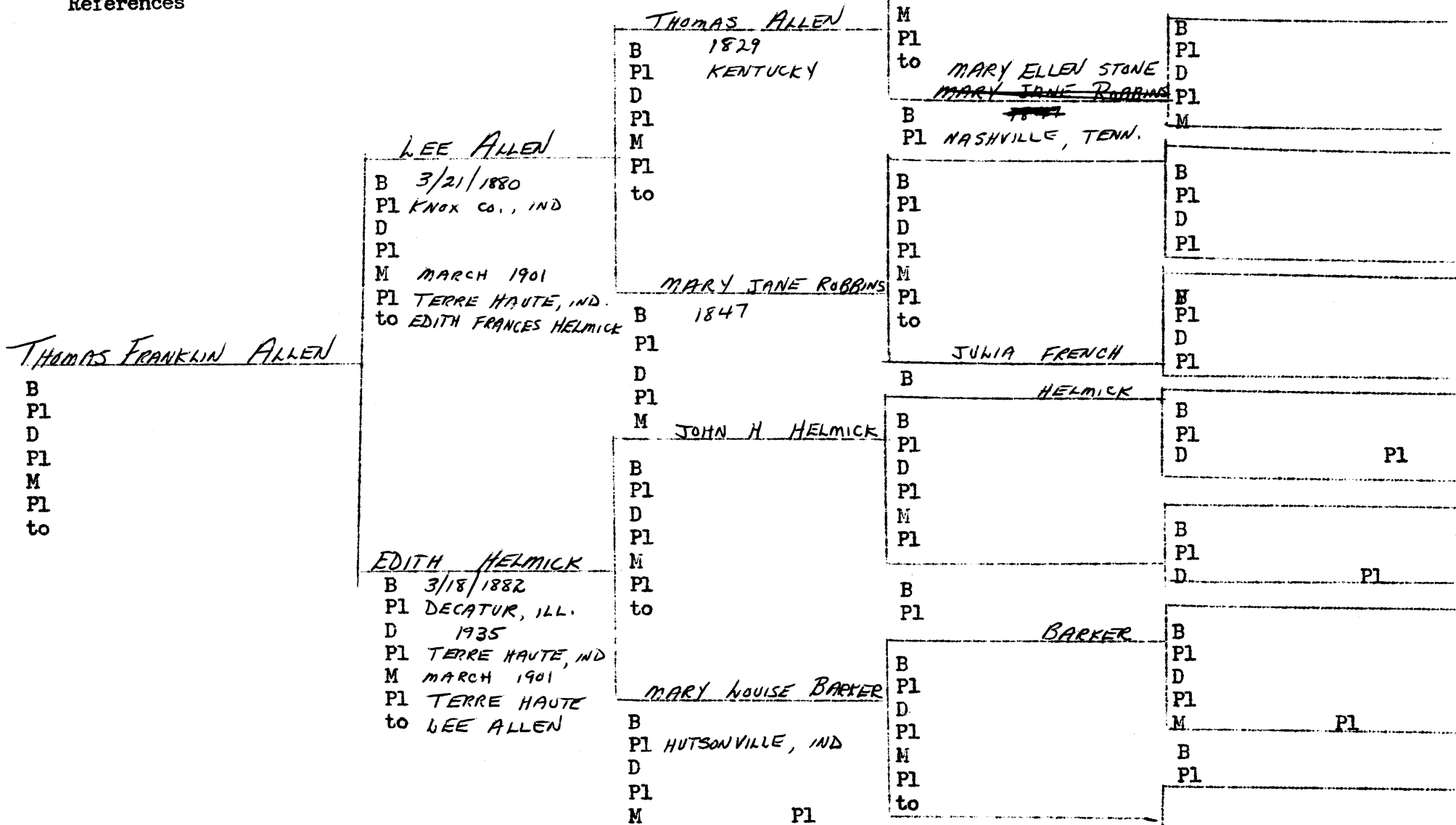
Colonel Allen was only forty years of age when slain, but his varied and eventful life was so crowded with incident, that even in the fragmentary sketches I have been able to secure selection has been difficult.

Acknowledgments.—To Mrs. Mary Crittenden Haycroft, of Frankfort; to Mr. Logan C. Murray, of Louisville, and to the Secretary of Allen Dale Farms, I am indebted for personal narratives concerning their illustrious relative; to friends in the State Libraries of Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and in the libraries of the Chicago and Wisconsin Historical societies, I owe typewritten transcripts of printed references to John Allen in their possession. The Indiana State Library gave me free access to its collections. Mrs. Frances Haberly Robertson, Mrs. Clark Fairbank and the Parrott Studio at Fort Wayne were of assistance in obtaining illustrations.

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THE OLDEST PERSON BORN IN THIS CITY

**NAT ALLEN, WHO WAS BORN
IN TERRE HAUTE IN 1822
WILL BE 82 TOMORROW**

IS STILL HALE AND HEARTY

**His Birthplace was on First Street
Between Ohio and Walnut—
The House Long Since
Disappeared.**

Nathanial Allen, a well-known resident of Terre Haute, will be 82 years old tomorrow. He was born in Terre Haute on Feb. 3, 1822, and is the oldest person living who was born in Terre Haute. The house in which he first saw light of day was a small three room frame house that stood on the east side of First street between Ohio and Walnut and which has not long since been torn down. Mr. Allen has seen Terre Haute grow from a village to a large and flourishing city.

Mr. Allen's parents were Ira Allen and Lydia Cargill. The former died in 1869 in Clay county and the latter died in Terre Haute in 1871. Mr. Allen has three children, as follows: Myron H. Allen, Boiesman, Montana; Mrs. Mary Hussey, San Jose, Cal., and Mrs. Clara Wilson, Butte, Montana. Mr. Allen has twelve grand-children and nine great-grand children living. The oldest of the latter is about 15 years, the youngest four months.

Mr. Allen was married twice. His first wife, Nancy West, died in 1863. His second wife, Ada E. Kelley, whom he married in 1870, is still living.

Mr. Allen, who lives at 222 south Thirteenth and a half street, is still hale and hearty. He is connected with the insurance firm of Kelley and Wagner.

Mr. Allen was born when James Monroe was president, seven years after the battle of New Orleans and seven years after the battle of Waterloo. Florida had only been purchased three years from Spain. He was two years old when Lafayette visited the United States. Only six years before his birth Indiana was admitted to the Union. Napoleon had only been dead a year when he was born. He was 24 years old when war broke out with Mexico.

ALLEN, NATHANIEL

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1) William Allen ^{and} w Sarah Walker to
Pedigree of Margaret (Gilbert) Mathew to
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William Allen ^{and} w Sarah Walker
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William Allen ^{and} w Mary Ellen Stone
One (1) handwritten pedigree chart

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Margaret (Gilbert) Mathew
40 South 14th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

ALLEN

I, Margaret Gilbert, born June 5, 1898 at Marshall, Clark County, Illinois, married November 3, 1915 to Lloyd Howell Mathew, am a descendant of WILLIAM ALLEN, as follows:

1. I am the daughter of William Mation Gilbert born January 20, 1863 in Clark County, Illinois, died at Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana August 26, 1938 and his wife, Lydia Emmagene Atwood, born July 30, 1863 in Clark County, Illinois, died at Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, December 28, 1947, married December 25, 1884.
2. The said William Marion Gilbert was the child of Wesley Willis Gilbert born May 5, 1833 in Coshocton County, Ohio, died in Clark County, Illinois June 3, 1900 and his wife, Ruhama Garie, born November 4, 1834 in Ohio, died in Clark County, Illinois February 14, 1892, married October 17, 1852.
3. The said Willis Wesley Gilbert was the child of Elder Linos Gilbert born April 21, 1802 at Barkhamstead, Connecticut, died in Clark County, Illinois September 30, 1888 and his wife, Margery Dunfee, born September 14, 1801 in West Virginia, died in Clark County, Illinois June 8, 1874, married January 24, 1820.
4. The said Elder Linos Gilbert was the child of Noah Gilbert born December 10, 1772 at Mansfield, Connecticut, died in Lawrence County, Illinois October 11, 1851 and his wife, Betsy (Betty) Messenger, born at Barkhamstead, Connecticut, married March 28, 1793.
5. The said Noah Gilbert was the child of Elisha Gilbert born May 18, 1743 at Canterbury, Connecticut and his wife, Submit Glazier, born August 8, 1739 at Hardwick, Massachusetts, married November 16, 1768.
6. The said Elisha Gilbert was the child of Noah Gilbert baptized in 1703 at Wenham, Massachusetts, died at Mansfield, Connecticut in 1768 and his wife, Sarah Allen, born in 1709, died in 1758, married in 1728.
7. The said Sarah Allen was the child of William Allen and his wife, Sarah Walker.

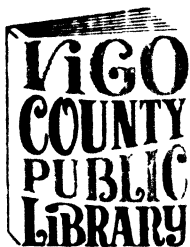
Sylvia Marie (Wright) Clatfelter
809 North Cross Street
Robinson, Illinois

ALLEN

I, Sylvia Marie Wright, am a descendant of WILLIAM ALLEN, as follows:

1. I am the daughter of Charles Victor Wright, born October 18, 1877 in Clark County, Illinois, died in Clark County, Illinois March 14, 1956, and his wife, Eva May Fisher, married September 4, 1901.
2. The said Charles Victor Wright was the child of Joseph Linas Wright born September 27, 1852 in Clark County, Illinois, died in Clark County, Illinois May 15, 1909 and his wife, Catherine (Kate) Boney, born October 10, 1847 in Wayne County, Ohio, died in Clark County, Illinois May 25, 1921, married October 5, 1873.
3. The said Joseph Linas Wright was the child of Wesley Wright born October 26, 1824 in Coshocton County, Ohio, died in Clark County, Illinois November 26, 1864 and his wife, Sarah Gilbert, born February 10, 1827 in Coshocton County, Ohio, died September 17, 1908, married March 2, 1846.
4. The said Sarah Gilbert was the child of Linas Gilbert born April 21, 1802 at Barkhamstead, Connecticut, died in Clark County, Illinois October 1, 1888 and his wife, Margery Dunfee, born September 14, 1801 in West Virginia, died in Clark County, Illinois June 8, 1874.
5. The said Linas Gilbert was the child of Noah Gilbert born December 10, 1772 at Mansfield, Connecticut, died (buried Lawrence County, Illinois) October 11, 1851 and his wife, Betsy Messenger, born before 1827 perhaps in Barkhamsted, Connecticut, married March 28, 1795.
6. The said Noah Gilbert was the child of Elisha Gilbert born May 25, 1736 at Canterbury, Connecticut, died at Ridgefield, Connecticut January 6, 1778 and his wife, Submit Glassier (Glazier) born August 8/9, 1739 in Hardwick, Massachusetts, married November 16, 1768 in Hardwick, Massachusetts.
7. The said Elisha Gilbert was the child of Noah Gilbert baptized in 1703 near Wenham, Massachusetts (Ipswich), died in Mansfield, Connecticut in 1768 and his wife, Sarah Allen, born in 1709, died in 1758, married in 1727.
8. The said Sarah Allen was the child of William Allen and his wife, Sarah Walker.

Allen Family



Irene Shoemaker
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August 9, 1991

The copies you requested are enclosed. Since you sent a check for \$2.50 on July 22, there is no further charge.

The marriage licenses of Joseph Allen and Emma Mahurin, Jesse Allen and Adeline Mahurin, and Luella Allen and James Norris do not give much information. However, the marriage applications, recorded from 1882, have more information. Copies of those for Luella's marriage and Emily's marriage to Andy Hazlett are enclosed. I think the differences in the names are due to mistakes on the part of the county clerk.

A copy of the 1880 census is enclosed. The original was very faint, and our film is scratched so it is very hard to read. I enlarged the image as much as possible and copied half the sheet on each page. I have written the names I managed to figure out on the back of the print. I noticed that a 70 year old Harvey Allen lived on one side of Joseph Allen's residence and a 53 year old Polly Mahurin lived on the other. I imagine they were Joseph's father and Emily's mother.

I am also sending a list of those buried in Taylor Cemetery. A J.W. Allen and a Polly Mahurin are buried there. The Taylor Cemetery is in Pierson township not far from Lewis, although the Ruggles and Stephens cemeteries are closer to Lewis.

Indiana did not pass a law requiring the registration of births and deaths until 1882. For years after that the vital statistics were not carefully recorded. We have an index to the death records but the actual records are filed in the Vigo County Health Dept., 201 Cherry St., Terre Haute IN 47807. Our index does not list a Joseph of the right age. However, it does list a Jesse Allen who died 7 Feb. 1916 at the age of 74. His death is in Book CH53, page 244. Could Jesse have been Joseph's brother? I suspect two brothers (Joseph and Jesse) married two sisters (Emily and Adeline). I think the Health Dept. charges \$2.00 for death certificates

Good luck in your research.

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLY TO MY
 LETTER OF JULY 7, ASKING FOR RESEARCH OF MY ALLEN
 ANCESTORS. SOME OF THE NAMES ARE FAMILIAR - SOME
 STRANGE - SOME RIGHT NAME BUT WRONG DATES.
 BUT SOME ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, AND I CAN GET ON WITH
 FURTHER QUERIES. ILL TELL YOU WHICH ITEMS ON THE
 RESEARCH REPORT APPLY TO MY ANCESTORS AS FAR
 AS I KNOW, AT THIS TIME NO DOMISC. CARD FILE IS NOT RIGHT
 FULL NAME OR DEATH DATE. I BELIEVE MY GR. FATHER JOSEPH
 DIED WHEN MY MOTHER WAS 7 YRS OLD 1890 - or 81.

- ② OSUR NAME FILE - CASEY, APPLY
- ③ NAMES JOSEPH & EMILY RIGHT - INITIALS WRONG
- ⑤ JESSIE ALLEN AND ADELIN MAHURIN WERE MY MOTHERS
 AUNT AND UNCLE - LOUELLA ALLEN AND JAMES F. MORRIS WAS
 MY MOTHERS SISTER & BRO. IN LAW
- ⑥ AGE OF THIS JOSEPH WRONG FOR MY GRAND FATHER

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 ⑩ CENSUS FOR 1880 ED 208 SHEET 2 LINE 16

THIS JOSEPH - EMILY - MARY LOUELLA 7 - AMANDA MAY 5
 MINNIE FRANCES 1, ARE MINE! ALL NAMES AND
 CHILDRENS AGES RIGHT.

ON OTHER SIDE OF SHEET LAST ITEM, MIGHT BE RIGHT
 EXCEPT IT LISTS EMMA INSTEAD OF EMILY I DO NOT
 KNOW WHAT EMILYS MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME WAS
~~LOUELLA MAHURIN~~
 THIS MUST BE JUST ANOTHER SIMILARITY OF NAMES, BUT
 I WONDER IF THE EMMA SHOULD HAVE READ EMILY.
 SO MANY SAME NAMES ARE CONFUSING!

ABOUT COPIES OF OTHER PAPERS, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE
 A COPY OF THE JOSEPH ALLEN - EMILY MAHURIN
 MARRIAGE LICENSE & DEATH CERTIFICATE,
 ② A COPY OF JOSEPH

This is maybe, all I will try for just now
 There is two J. Allens buried in the same cemetery
 in, or near Lewis in. both in same IND. INF.
 There isn't much on the stones, I believe both
 just J. Allen or J.W. Allen. Somewhere we
 have a picture of the two, close together for
 Mom (Mandy) to identify which was her father
 One is next to Mahurin graves, which
 would probably be my grand father, but
 I haven't found it - the cemetery looked
 quite uncared for but the government stones
 looked like they were upright and in good
 shape. These were sent to my mother of a
 member of the family of Frank Norris who
 married her sister Lowell A. Allen Norris.
 I'll send for the pension applications
 & records for Emily, Manda & Minnie -
 I had very good luck with that research
 on my gr. father Shoemaker thru those
 records. The Allen dependents, Veterans
 pension records should show which grave
 is my grand father
 I'll be requesting more later.
 I'm 85 yrs. old and not so well so am anxious
 to get what I can send me the bills as you
 can, I'll send the money soon
 I am so happy with your prompt replies
 and all I have already received
 I'm not finished yet with research in Ohio
 on the Shoemakers, but I really don't know
 very much about it all but it's been satisfying
 the genealogical societies have been great
 I'll not request more just now, if I get what
 I've mentioned in this, I'll be happy
 especially if Andy Hazlett and Emma Mahurin
 heard her called Emma by Mom
 THANKS for now. Jane Shoemaker

And the Cost. I've had good luck this way
on my father's side in Ohio

I think Joseph's father was Harvey Heath Allen

And Emily's mother, his wife Lora Ann (?) Allen

I have no idea how long they lived in Ind.

That's the only state I knew of them living -

I have some lists mom had of many aunts & uncles

both Allen and Mahurin - It's the older

generations and places, I am most interested in

but knew so little of gr. fa. Joseph as he died

when mom was about 7 - and after moving

to Ark. & Emily's death she grew up apart from

them except her sister Minnie

In later years she made connections & visited

half sister Allie Keegan and half bro. Chas. Hazlett

my Aunt Allie Keegan is living yet near

Prairie Creek we are in touch & visit often

but she didn't know anything of my

grandfather. Thanks for any help.

Send me name of researcher and the cost

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to go about this will value all help

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By now you may have received the letter I sent to Vigo County Historical Society, and they notified me it would be forwarded on to the court house, so I'll try to tell you what I want to learn about my Allen-Mahurin ancestors. My mother was daughter of Joseph and Emily (Mahurin) Allen. She was born 30 May 1875 in IN. I believe in or near Terre Haute. There was also a dau. Louella Allen who married Frank Norris. She died a few years later leaving a dau Lora and son Raymond. Minnie Francis was another daughter of the J. Allens. After my grand father's death ^{born 2-4-1854 at middlebury, Mo.} Emily married Andrew Hazlett. They had at least 2 children Charlie and Olive. The family moved to Ark. and she died there. The 2 older girls met brothers from Mo. in Ark. Mannie and Charlie Shoemaker. Mannie married Mannie in Ark. then returned to home in Texas Co. Mo. Mandy returned with them and later married the other brother Charley on 25 Mar. 1899 in Texas Co. Mo. I want any info on parents & grandparents of Joseph and Emily, or great great grand parents and where they originally came from. Joseph was in Civil War buried in a Lewis Co. Com with gov. marker - Emily & Children would have received a pension. This will do for starters if you can help, I'll have more enquiries. I'll enclose \$2.00 to cover postage. If you have some one who does research I'll use them. Please let me know.

HON. THOMAS ALLEN.

The desire universally felt to learn something of the personal history of those men who have acted, and are acting, a more or less prominent part in the affairs of a great country, is certainly natural, and can scarcely be esteemed improper. An extended or eulogistic biography of the living, however, except in rare cases, seems to be premature and out of place. It may be set down as a general truth, under such circumstances, that either a strong personal regard will tempt the writer to exaggerate the picture he is to draw, and to add here and there some flattering touches; or else the want of that intimate and actual knowledge which can penetrate to the hidden springs of the whole character—at the same time that testimony no longer biased by personal feelings is not yet within his reach—will leave only imperfect and distorted lineaments, where a full and true likeness is demanded.

To deal with personal topics, relating either to the living or to the dead—but more especially to the former—requires a great deal of delicate discretion; for the false and too partial estimates of a friend are scarcely less to be avoided than the open attacks and studied depreciations of an enemy. In the present instance, accordingly, we waive the formal office of biographer, and shall aim simply at a brief record of what we believe will most interest the reader respecting our subject.

Hon. Thomas Allen comes of a family of historic reputation in Massachusetts. His grandfather, whose name he bears, was a respected minister of the town of Pittsfield—indeed he was the first pastor to have charge over the spiritual interests of the inhabitants of that place.

The Rev. Thomas Allen was ordained in 1764, ten years before the revolutionary agitation assumed a threatening aspect. But the stern old pastor was not lacking in sympathy

with the people of his native land, nor in patriotism when the cause of liberty called for the services of the sons of the soil. The Rev. Mr. Allen became one of the most earnest and zealous of the defenders of the cause of American Independence. When at length hostilities were commenced between Great Britain and her revolted colonists, Mr. Allen left his charge and went into the field. He served as chaplain in several regiments, and, according to tradition, had no aversion to taking part in the conflicts and sharing in the dangers incident to the position of a combatant.

When Burgoyne was advancing from Canada, to co-operate with the British forces in New York, in crushing the patriot army, the brave minister aroused his people at Pittsfield, and with musket in hand marched with them to share in the dangers and honors of Bennington. This action acquired for him the *soubriquet* of the *Fighting Parson of Bennington Fields*.

When peace came at last, the minister returned to his charge at Pittsfield; and while he was faithful in ministering in the Word, and in doctrine, and in admonitions, yet his patriotic impulses led him to take a deep interest in the political welfare of his country, and he became noted as an able politician, adopting as his own the Jeffersonian principles as applied to government.

Rev. Thomas Allen, having passed a long and stainless life, died at Pittsfield in 1811, leaving numerous descendants to perpetuate the name. He was succeeded in the Pittsfield pastorate by his son, the Rev. William Allen, who subsequently became president of Bowdoin College, and was quite well known as an author in New England half a century ago.

Nine brothers and three sisters constituted the family of Rev. Thomas Allen at the time of his death. All of these were persons of high social standing and more than ordinary intellectual attainments.

Jonathan Allen, father of the subject of this sketch, was a man of no little force of character. Several times he represented his native county in the lower branch of the Massachusetts legislature, and also in the upper house. During the war of 1812, he was a quartermaster in the army, and was stationed at Pittsfield, where at that time was maintained a large recruiting

station and prison depot. Subsequently he was one of the founders of the Berkshire Agricultural Society, which proved to be the model for most of the agricultural societies in this country, and which still maintains a high rank as one of the most noted of the societies organized to promote the interests of the farming class. Of this society Mr. Allen was several times made president.

As early as 1809 he became interested in the improvement of American flocks, and was one of the first importers of fine wool sheep. To carry out his design in this matter he made a voyage to Europe and visited Lisbon, where he purchased a select invoice of fine merinos from the famous flock of the Count of Montaco. Mr. Allen was a man of considerable culture, and his essays and occasional addresses which have been preserved show him to have been a gentleman of no little vigor of thought.

Jonathan Allen was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Marsh, who was a grand-daughter of Col. Israel Williams, noted as a loyalist during the revolutionary war. Col. Williams in his day was the most distinguished member of a family which in ante-revolutionary times had been famous for its long array of divines, jurists, and soldiers. This union resulted in two children. By the death of this lady Mr. Allen was left with a family yet in infancy, and reason and policy alike suggested another alliance. Accordingly he united himself with Eunice Williams Larned, daughter of Darius Larned, of Pittsfield, and grand-daughter of that Col. Williams already mentioned. Of this union eight children were born.

Hon. Thomas Allen, the subject of this sketch, is the third child of Jonathan and Eunice W. Larned Allen, of Pittsfield, and was born August 29, 1813. At this time the parents of Thomas Allen resided on the glebe of one hundred acres, which, with other lands, had been assigned in accordance with provincial law to the first minister of the town. The Allen homestead was situated not more than two hundred yards from the center of the village.

The scenery about Pittsfield is charming, with hills and dales and mountain slopes, and purling brooks, with here and there meadows and farms, and groves of ancient elms, and

venerable farm-houses surrounded by gardens and orchards, which altogether presents a picture of beauty and loveliness well calculated to make those who constantly gaze upon such a landscape stronger, nobler, better. It was amid such scenes as these that Mr. Allen passed the days of his childhood and early youth.

When of a suitable age he attended the "Academy" of Pittsfield, for a short time, when his course was cut short by the removal of his father and family to a farm some miles from the village. The old method of common-school instruction still prevailed, and the opportunities of advancement in scholarship in a country school were exceedingly limited. In winter the neighborhood school was presided over by a master who laid down the ferule with the coming of the spring-birds, and found more congenial occupation in cultivating the growing crops. In summer, a ma'am ruled in the country school. It would be unreasonable to expect the best educational results under such circumstances. Yet it was in schools so conducted that Mr. Allen laid the foundation of the solid scholarship and extensive information which is so prominent a characteristic of the man.

It is undoubtedly true that much of the progress in learning made in these youthful days was due to the refinement and culture which pervaded the home of the Allens. Into that home guests were welcomed whose conversation must have been lessons to the younger members of the family.

The Allen farm lay along the banks of the charming Housatonic; and here, it is probable, the subject of this article acquired that taste for rural pursuits and pastimes, which is still a predominant feature in his character. His father's meadows in summer time was his Arcadia. The trout in the brook, the woodcock that nestled in the alders, quails and snipes, in turn became a prey to the youthful sportsman. He became an excellent marksman, and a skillful angler. But Hon. Thomas Allen, even as a boy, had higher aspirations than to make hay, shoot woodcock in the meadows, or capture the sportive, speckled trout. In the midst of this dreamy, yet active life of youth, an event happened at Pittsfield which doubtless has exerted a marked influence over the subsequent

career of Mr. Allen. Professor Chester Dewey, having resigned his chair at Williams College, established a seminary, since become quite famous, known as the Berkshire Gymnasium, at Pittsfield. Perhaps this circumstance confirmed the already expressed purpose of the elder Allen to give his son a liberal education, and, accordingly, Thomas was entered as a student in the Berkshire Gymnasium, where he completed his preparatory course.

It was while a student in this institution that Mr. Allen acquired a taste for literary composition, which has in no small measure influenced the whole course of his life. The youths at that institution published a weekly paper, of which Mr. Allen was an editor and contributor. A file of this old-time amateur journal is still preserved in the Berkshire Athenæum.

Having been fitted for college, Mr. Allen entered a student at Union College in 1829, having attained his sixteenth year but a few days prior to the commencement of his first term. He maintained a good standing in his classes, and graduated in 1832. In consequence of his having left the college a few days before that fixed upon for conferring the graduation honors he received no award of honors from the faculty. He was elected to the position of a valedictorian to the class by the Philomathean Society, and delivered an address on the occasion, which obtained for him much applause.

Mr. Allen commenced the study of the law a short time before his term at college had expired. He resolved to pursue that study with all diligence, but was compelled to flee from Albany on account of the approach of the Asiatic cholera scourge, which raged with great virulence there. Before he could resume his studies his father had suffered heavy pecuniary losses, which rendered it impossible for him to proceed as before.

Mr. Allen was thus thrown upon his own resources at the age of twenty years. His father gave him twenty-five dollars, and he set out for New York, determined to win for himself a place in the ranks of the men of the metropolis. He arrived in that city on the 18th of October, 1832, and took lodging at a private boarding-house, at the corner of Broadway and Wall Street. His stock of funds was not sufficient to allow him to

lead a life of ease. He was compelled to sustain himself while he carried out his original design of preparing himself for the practice of the law. Fortunately, the law student found a place in the office of Messrs. Hatch & Cambreleng, attorneys at law, Wall Street. His position was that of a clerk, with the privilege of reading the books, and the duty of doing much work, for all of which he received the sum of three hundred dollars per annum.

In 1834 Mr. Allen became the editor of the *Family Magazine*, an illustrated monthly journal published by J. S. Redfield. The duties of this position were performed during moments snatched from the intervals of other employments. About this time, Mr. Allen was engaged by the leading law-book publishers of New York to assist in preparing a digest of the laws of that State from the earliest times, which service he performed to the satisfaction of those who employed him, and received, after a year's labor, a small but select law library as his compensation.

Mr. Allen was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of New York in 1835. The same year he received from Union College his degree of Master of Arts, and was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa of New York.

In 1836, Mr. Allen, by speeches and articles in the public journals, supported Martin Van Buren for President. In 1837 he visited Illinois, to look after the real estate interests of his uncle, General E. W. Ripley. Previous to this time he had been stopping in Washington; and at one time negotiations had been entertained by him to become one of the editors of the *Globe*, which, however, resulted in no understanding mutually satisfactory.

The Illinois land investigating tour of Mr. Allen suddenly terminated on his arrival at Peoria, where he first learned of the general suspension of payments and the great financial distress of the country. He at once, in answer to the earnest solicitation of eminent persons, set out for the East. The prospectus of the *Madisonian* was soon issued, and in a short time Mr. Allen was at his post in Washington, where, on the 16th of August, 1837, the first number of the new organ was issued, with Thomas Allen as editor. The position of the

editor may be briefly summed in a sentence, "A mixed currency is essential to a highly civilized commercial State." The sub-treasury scheme of President Van Buren was not agreeable to the views of the editor of the *Madisonian*, who had already announced his position on the currency question, and determined to maintain it still. At an election by Congress for public printer, the candidates were Gale & Seaton of the *National Intelligencer*, and Blair & Rives of the *Globe*, and Thomas Allen of the *Madisonian*; the last-named, after a warm contest of three days' duration, was named public printer.

The *Madisonian* became the chief opposition organ during the Van Buren administration. In 1840, Mr. Allen's choice for President was Hon. William C. Rives, of Virginia, a moderate Democrat. But when Harrison and Tyler received the nomination of the Whigs, Mr. Allen, still being opposed to the Van Buren party, gave them his unhesitating and ardent support. In 1840, on the 11th of April, the office of the *Madisonian* was destroyed by fire, but the paper was immediately re-established. During the short presidency of Harrison, Mr. Allen's position was one of distinguished influence, and was maintained during the first years of Tyler's administration.

The unsatisfactory phase assumed by national politics, during the early part of President Tyler's administration, induced Mr. Allen to consider the question of a removal to the West. His relations with the President, and with the leading statesmen at the Capital were of the most friendly character, and Mr. Webster offered the services of his great intellect and able pen to Mr. Allen if he would remain in Washington and continue the *Madisonian*. The prospect of a long and bitter political struggle was not agreeable to the feelings of Mr. Allen, and he resolved to abandon a field where abundant success had attended his efforts.

In the spring of 1842 the subject of this sketch arrived in St. Louis with a view of making it his permanent home. On the twelfth day of July in that year, he was united in marriage with Miss Ann C. Russell, daughter of William Russell, Esq., of this city.

Mr. Allen at first opened a law office in St. Louis, but, in 1843, when his business affairs at Washington were closed, he found himself in a position to choose his pursuits without reference to immediate necessities. He soon closed the law office which he had opened in St. Louis, and began to devote his attention to public interests, with abilities and zeal which have produced great results for himself, as well as for the city and State of his adoption, and which are not confined within State limits.

For a few years he contented himself with the publication of a few papers on general subjects, and pushing some local projects for the good of the city, including the establishment of the St. Louis Horticultural Society, of which he became president.

He also made a thorough study of the physical geography and resources of the Mississippi Valley, and in 1847, at the request of the St. Louis delegates to the convention held that year at Chicago, prepared a pamphlet upon the commerce and navigation of the river, which showed that his researches in that portion of the subject had been thorough and laborious.

In 1848 began those labors in behalf of internal improvements in Missouri and neighboring States, which have continued ever since, and have accomplished results which could hardly have been hoped for at that time.

St. Louis, although she had some enterprising citizens, and was by the force of her natural position a thriving, wealthy and populous city, with great geographical advantages for further growth, was in 1849 by no means the bold, ambitious, public-spirited metropolis which she now is.

In 1848 Mr. Allen wrote an address to the citizens of St. Louis in favor of the construction of the St. Louis & Cincinnati Railway.

At that time there were about seven thousand miles of railroad in the whole United States—not a mile of it west of the Mississippi River. But various projects had been broached for a line to the Pacific coast, and early in 1849, Senator Benton, of Missouri, brought into Congress his famous bill for the accomplishment of the project. The idea was strikingly consonant with Mr. Allen's views, and at a large meeting of the

citizens of St. Louis, called to take action on the subject, on the 20th of February, he reported resolutions strongly in favor of a national central highway to the Pacific, which were unanimously passed and received a hearty response from the State Legislature.

In the October following, under a call of the citizens of St. Louis, written by Mr. Allen, a national convention assembled in this city, delegates from fourteen States being present. Senator Benton, Mr. Allen and others, made speeches in favor of the enterprise, and to Mr. Allen was entrusted the preparation of an address to the people of the United States and a memorial to Congress.

The question of building a railroad to the Pacific coast had already excited a vast amount of attention, and railroad charters were from time to time granted, but the corporators were indifferent, and did not even take the trouble to organize the companies authorized by acts of the legislature. Such a charter had passed in the legislature of Missouri.

There was no purpose of any immediate use of the charter by the corporators; but it dwelt upon the mind of Mr. Allen, who, from this time, devoted himself energetically to the subject, contending almost single-handed against prejudice, timidity and apathy. In January, 1850, he called public attention to the charter, in a card, and invited a meeting of the corporators. The meeting was held, and, as a result of the investigation and thought which he had concentrated upon the subject, he read an address whose comprehensiveness of view, accuracy and fullness of detail, and earnestness of manner were irresistibly convincing. One hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars of the stock were taken on the spot, the address was circulated freely, and Mr. Allen was soon after elected president of the company. Ground was broken on the road July 4, 1851, and the contractors were fairly at work in September.

In 1850 Mr. Allen was chosen for four years to the Senate of Missouri, where he was immediately made chairman of the Committee of Internal Improvements.

In the position to which he had been called as a legislator, he labored with fidelity and consummate ability to advance the industrial interests of the State. The results of such well-

directed efforts could not prove ephemeral in character. Much of the subsequent growth in wealth and power of the State is due to the intelligent and far-sighted measures proposed and advocated by Hon. Thomas Allen.

Meanwhile, he had not relinquished any part of his interest in the great work of completing the Pacific railway. Traveling on horseback along the proposed route of the road, he roused the slumbering energies of the people in behalf of a work which so nearly concerned them, and procured numerous petitions to Congress for a grant of land in its aid. Armed with these, and rendered more familiar with the resources of the region to be opened by the road, he proceeded to Washington and presented his case so strongly that in June, 1852, an act was passed granting alternate sections of land—the first encouragement given by Congress to a Pacific railroad.

In 1854 Mr. Allen retired from the Senate, declining the renomination which was tendered him. The next few years of his life were largely, although not entirely, given to his private affairs, which had suffered somewhat by his exclusive devotion to the interest of the Pacific Railroad, his property, consisting in great part of city lots, then unimproved.

In 1857 he was chosen president of the Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis Railroad, but finding it deeply involved in debt, withdrew at the end of the year, recommending a re-organization.

Mr. Allen espoused the cause of the Union during the late war, and was active in support of measures to carry out his principles. He was nominated a candidate for Congress by the "Unconditional Union Men" in 1862. His loyalty to the Government, which had been so openly manifested, was aspersed at the time, and he was defeated by means to which extreme partisans resorted in those troublous times.

In 1865, Mr. Allen, with his eldest son and daughter, visited Great Britain and the continent of Europe.

In 1866 he presented a plan for the liquidation of the national debt, by a grand patriotic subscription, in commutation of taxes, and also based, in part, on repayment in public lands.

On the completion of his house at Pittsfield, Mr. Allen

had proposed to himself to pause in his arduous business career and devote himself to the rural pursuits he loves so well; but his is not a nature to so pause when scarcely past the meridian of life.

He himself expressed, on one occasion, the irresistible impulse to action which doomed him to a life of labor in the following words:

"I have sometimes felt compelled to admit the truth of a remark made by one of my attorneys, that I am condemned by the Almighty to hard labor for the term of my natural life. What caused the sentence I do not know, but I admit its justice and submit to it, and that certainly not merely to amass the goods of this world, for I have long since had a sufficiency of them."

It was a little more than two years before the date of this speech and that while Mr. Allen was haunted by his life-sentence, an irresistible opportunity invited him back to the railroad field of Missouri. The Iron Mountain road, which had received large subsidies from the State and from the city of St. Louis, was surrendered to the State unfinished, in part on account of the civil troubles which had recently ended. It was intended by this route to open the richest mineral lands of Missouri—some of the richest in the world—to a market; while extending by its charter to Belmont, opposite the city of Columbus, in Kentucky, it was the great trunk line which should bring the traffic of the South and Southwest to St. Louis. Closely connected with it was the Cairo & Fulton Railroad, extending to the Arkansas boundary. In the immediate rivalry of cities, as well as for the permanent interests of Missouri, it was essential that these roads—especially the Iron Mountain—should be speedily completed. To this end the Legislature ordered their sale, by commissioners, to the highest and *best* bidders: the latter qualification was added, as energy, experience and resources, in large measure, were indispensable to the rapid execution of the work.

The two roads were sold together. We will not go into the particulars of the sale, which was complicated by politicians and speculators; but Mr. Allen, who had been over-bid, was able to purchase the roads and their franchise from the

successful bidders for one million dollars, with an obligation to the State to complete the Iron Mountain road in five years.

A committee of the Legislature, who afterwards examined the matter, thought the difference of two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars between the price which Mr. Allen gave the speculators and that which he offered the commissioners, was well paid "to individuals who would stand as first purchasers between him and the abuse of politicians." It did not, however, altogether avail him, for the Governor, the next year, seized the road on pretext of some variation in the time of progress, although it was conceded that on the whole the advance was greater than that agreed upon.

Upon this Mr. Allen appealed to the Legislature, where, in a thorough investigation and discussion of the facts, he so completely sustained himself, that that body, more than ratifying his previous title, vested the property and franchise of the road absolutely in himself, his heirs and assigns, subject only to his obligation to complete it in the specified time, tendering also the State aid for a branch to Arkansas, which he has since built. The road was, in fact, complete in August, 1869—the purchase having been made in January, 1867—in less than half the time allowed by the contract. According to "Poor's Railroad Manual," having a length of two hundred and ten miles, it cost, including real estate and rolling stock, \$10,380,000, and has a funded debt of \$4,000,000. Mr. Allen is still President and chief owner.

In 1871, he, with his associates, purchased the Cairo & Fulton Railroad of Arkansas, an extension of the road of the same name in Missouri, bought in 1867.

The system of roads under Mr. Allen's control embraces about seven hundred miles of track, and is altogether the most important line centering at St. Louis. Since the completion of his great railway system, Mr. Allen has devoted himself with great assiduity to the management of his vast railroad and real estate interests. Though long ago the possessor of an immense fortune, yet Mr. Allen labors as assiduously as any man in the State—in fact he is a hard-worker.

In 1877, some of the bondholders became dissatisfied with Mr. Allen's management, because he would not sacrifice the

interests of St. Louis and the State which he had adopted, and made an effort to place the road in the hands of a receiver. The attempt proved a failure, much to the gratification of all true friends of the city and State.

We have thus briefly noted some of the principal incidents in the career of a gentleman who has perhaps accomplished more in the work of building up the State and promoting its industrial development than any man who has ever lived within her borders. But we have not given a sufficient account of the gentleman whose name heads this article. Mr. Allen has been foremost in the advocacy of the cause of education, and has proved his interest in that cause by endowing a chair in the faculty of Washington University, at an expense of more than forty thousand dollars. Mr. Allen is everywhere recognized as a clear-headed and brilliant thinker. He has found time amid the multifarious labors which he has had to perform to carefully watch the political progress of the country, and his views on all questions of national politics have been eagerly sought by politicians and statesmen. Mr. Allen is evidently a believer in the wisdom inherent in the aggregate mass of the people, hence his general sympathy with the aspirations of the masses. His views on financial and other questions are somewhat new, but clear and practical, and in full accord with the general tone of Western sentiment. It must not be inferred that Mr. Allen is wanting in independence of thought on every question. His whole career presents him as a man who borrows thoughts from no one, and who is eminently capable of originating ideas.

A large number of Mr. Allen's personal and political friends solicited him to address a public meeting at St. Charles, on the evening of the 22d of May, 1878. Mr. Allen responded in an address, which for clearness, force, and gracefulness of diction has been seldom equaled in this State by any of its able men. His views are singularly harmonious with the general tone of Western sentiment. The following extract is a succinct statement of his opinion of the character of our Government:

"Can we not have," he demanded, "a higher degree of prosperity and better government at a less cost? This is one of the constantly recurring problems. Parties have been

divided for seventy-seven years. All profess to have a common object, but differ as to the mode of attaining it. These differences, however, as they relate to constitutional construction, are radical. As they relate to ethics or political economy, they are sovereign matters of incessant controversy. We are not the founders of our government, but we imagine that our fathers founded an ideal republic which we possess and enjoy. It is our business and duty to maintain and defend it in its purity, and to administer its government without extravagance, fraud or injustice. We ought to see to it that it is kept within its proper sphere, and that nothing is to be allowed for one citizen or for one State that is not conceded to all other citizens and all other States. That we vigilantly preserve the foundations of equal rights and equal protection in all things which concerns the States in the Union, and in all that concerns the souls and bodies of men, their lives, liberties property, homes, families, education and religion. The defense and maintenance of our republican system includes honesty and economical administration, and necessarily implies the equal distribution of the burdens as well as of the blessings of government, and constant improvement, which includes the suppression and prevention of corruptions and abuses. These are the duties to which all citizens are called, and these we define to be cardinal doctrines of democrats."

On the pressing questions of the day, the labor and financial problems, for instance, Mr. Allen is very clear and quite in harmony with the people of the great West, leaning strongly toward the French fiscal system, which, he believes, if applied to this country, would bring prosperity and solve all dependent questions.

Allen Family

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Year 1834

Pension Claim of William Allen -combined with that of his widow.

Soldier's residence at enlistment--Fauquier Co.,Virginia. He stated that he enlisted in 3rd. Virginia Regt.under Major Thomas Marshall and served for 6 months under Capt. John Chilton. He was drafted for a second term in 1777 and served 3 months under Capt.Charles Chilton;and again for 3 months under the same captain with troops commanded by the Marquis de La Fayette--- while serving under Major Marshall in lower part of Virginia was in a battle with the British led by Capt.Fordyce who was killed and many of his men were taken prisoner.

Family Bible was said to have been left with his sister whose name was not given.

He stated that George Shackelford was his half brother.

William Allen also stated that his rank was that of a common soldier or private .

FILED--Feb.1834 at stated age 76---Awarded \$40.00 per annum.

The soldier died at his home in Mason County,Kentucky on May 20,1839.

His widow's claim in 1843 states that she was born in ~~####~~ Fauquier Co.,Virginia and was 81 years old;that her maiden name was Frances Pepper,and that she married the veteran on August 8 "next after the close of the Revolutionary War ". She said that her husband,herself and family removed from Fauquier Co.,Va.to Kentucky in the winter of ~~####~~ 1793 and lived there since----that"her first child as well as she recollects and as the family record shows would if living be fifty eight of age next September". Her claim was supported by the depositions of William Holton and George Shackelford -age 78.Shackelford said hewas a half brother of William Allen and witnessed his marriage to Frances Pepper in Fauquier Co.in 1784.He said that the Allens had 5 or 6 children before removing to Kentucky in 1793.

Marriage bond certified by A.J.Marshall,Clerk,Fauquier Co.-- signed by William Pepper was submitted-referred to marriage of William Allen and Frances Pepper--Signed 8-4-~~1787~~ 1781. Frances Pepper was found to have established entitlement to a pension as the soldier's widow.

A tourist guide 1931 states that at outbreak of Revolution 100 Fauquier men were with Culpepper Minute men,among them Thomas Marshall,ranking as Major,and his son John Marshall, later to be Chief Justice of the United States,ranking as Lieutenant.

A TRACING OF WILLIAM ALLEN'S ~~#####~~ SIGNATURE--
from pension records

Wm Allen

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Will Book L 476 (Abbreviated statement as to substance)

I, William Allen of Mason County give to my children James Allen and Jesse Allen and Betsy Pepper and Edmond Allen \$500.00 each and to son John Allen \$580.00 and to William S. Allen \$200.00 and to my granddaughter Polly Be 11 \$83.00 and 2 Shillings being part of her mothers \$500.00 -paid in advance. Samuel Allen shall have the south end of the land I live on and Willey Chanslor the North end# . South end to contain about 100 acres-the North about 93 acres -value\$ 25.00 per acre which Samuel and Isaac Chanslor is to allow but as I have^{not} given Samuel any part of his \$500.00 heretofore I now give him credit for his \$500.00 in the price of the land also Isaac Chanslor is to be allowed \$5## \$300.00 in the price of his land and after William S. Allen

and the balance of Polly Hollers heirs is got the remainder of their \$500.00 made up to them that then the whole of my remaining living shall be equally divided amongst all my heirs--

There shall be no interest paid on money my children have received nor no back rents demanded--- I will also recommend that if my wife should be the longest liver that the heirs jointly give her \$100.00 a year and let her live where she will I also wish Mr. John Triplett and my son William S. Allen shall be my executors.

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MASON COUNTY#KENTUCKY

1968

Will made 1834- Proved 1839

abstract

Deed Book ~~55~~31 page ~~78~~ ~~55~~ 5-8-1827
Shows -John Allen, George Allen and William ^{Raymond} and Nancy his wife conveyed land on the waters of Johnson Fork for Lucinda, Harriet, Alfred, Samuel, and Elizabeth ALLEN, infant heirs, and Elizabeth Allen, widow of Thomas Allen, dec'd, of Fleming Co., Kentucky....to.... Jonathon Roff, of Mason County, Kentucky. cut from Fleming Co., was ~~cut out of~~ Mason County in 1793

Deed Book data was found in a paper at library and was not verified by me

WILLIAM ALLENS proved June 1839 made provision for wife and names heirs:

James Allen, Jesse Allen, Betsy Pepper, Edmond Allen,
John Allen, William S. Allen; his granddaughter, Polly Bell;
Samuel Allen, Willey Chanslor, Isaac Chanslor, And Polly
Holler's Heirs.

It appears that the will was made 10-22-1834 and
witnessed 11-26-1838.

Proved by Joseph K. Sumrall and Asa R. Runyon. 1839

William S. Allen was one of the executors. HE gave bond with
John Triplett. John Triplett, the other executor therein
named came into court and refused to qualify thereto.

(2 pages)

Will Book P 139 relates to the settlement of the estate
between 1840 and 1852. William S. Allen was the executor.
B. L. Holler, Roland Holler, and Jesse Holler (heirs of John
and Polly Holler); the heirs of Jesse Allen; W. A. Pepper
and wife; heirs of John Allen; Edmund Allen's heirs;
Isaac Chanslor and wife were mentioned ~~as well as James Allen, Samuel Allen, and William S. Allen~~
~~as well as James Allen, Samuel Allen, and William S. Allen~~
along with James, Samuel, and William S. Allen.

Lawrence Allen's name was also given.

Will Book M 110 relates to sale of personal estate of
William Allen in 1840. (Edmund Allen's children, Margaret
and Amanda Allen shared in the estate of William Allen
-Probate Court-Wilkinson County Mississippi)

(7 pages)

11-6-1840

Schedule of sales-Sept. 1840 mentioned Samuel Allen, Thomas Allen Apphia Pepper, C.C. Allen, Fannie ALEN, and John Pepper (and others).

Will Book P 43 relates to the account of B.W. Jameson and Hetty W. Allen, Administrators of the estate of Samuel Allen. William S. Allen was guardian of 4 heirs. A store bill of William S. Allen & Company amounting to \$96.91 was paid in December 1849-----Settlement approved in 1852 .

P 65 Will of John Allen 1851 made provision for wife, Sarah Ann Elizabeth Allen Vresidue to brothers and sisters.

Will Book Q 10 Mentioned cash payment to W.S. Allen, "Late guardian of Sarah C. Allen, George F. Allen and Lucinda F. Allen" in 1853. Settlement by William M. Dobyns as guardian.

F 425 William Pepper's Will signed in April 1826 in the presence of John Kercheval and Charles Dobyns mentions his sons Joseph Smith Pepper, Samuel Pepper, William H. Pepper and daughters Nancy Kemper, Betsy Thompson, Letha (wife of William Pepper) Edney Clark, and Matilda Robinson-also his son Enoch Pepper.

H 509 William Holton's will leaving property to his wife Abigail Holton and also mentioning his son Alexander Holton, deceased, and 3 sons, John, William, and Jesse (Executors)- Signed by mark 1827---Proved 1831.

F 306 James Shackelford -will proved 1825. Son JOHN#, executor. H 205 George " Administrator of estate of William B. Shackelford. July 1830.

N 6 George Shackelford's Will proved Oct. 1843.-Mentions Elizabeth, his wife, and his son Seth B. Shackelford, his daughter Emily, and 3 granddaughters, Maria Proctor, Elizabeth C. Shackelford and Barton S. Shackelford. Also mentioned a daughter, Harritt Johnston, and two other sons, Alexander and Marcus. *3 pages*

A 207 Will of Nathaniel Allen 1795 proved 1796 mentions his brother Alexander of the Parish of Newtownhamilton in the County of Armagh in Ireland and gives him land in that Parish. He also mentioned a brother, John of the same Parish; gave land in Kentucky to James Allen, son of his brother, Alexander. Mentioned sisters in Pennsylvania etc. *4 pages*

Mr. ATHERTON, Superintendant of the Maysville Cemetery stated that the records showed that William S. Allen bought eighteen grave spaces but that only one interment had been made (that of his son John A. Allen). We visited the site but could find no marker

The dates were not set forth.

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Tracing of signatures # :

Wm A Allen

¹⁸⁴⁴ Dec 1784

¹⁸⁴⁴ 5/4/1844

Edmund Allen

born 1810

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THE NAME AND FAMILY OF ALLEN OR ALLAN

The name of ALLEN or ALLAN is thought to have been derived from the ancient Scottish (some authorities say Norman) baptismal name of Alan, and to have been used at early dates in all parts of England, Scotland, and Ireland. It is found on ancient records in the various forms of Alan, Alein, Alleine, Alleyne, Aleyne, Alland, Aleyn, Aleyn, Allaine, Allain, Alin, Allyne, Allyn, Allin, Allyng, Alling, Alline, Alen, Allan, and Allen, of which the last two are the forms most generally accepted in America today.

Among the earliest records of the family in Great Britain were those of Henry Aleyn who was living in the year 1273; Hugh Aleyn of a slightly later date; William Allyne of Ireland in the latter fifteenth century; Humfry Allen of Staffordshire in the early sixteenth century, who was the father of John, who had Thomas Allyn, who was the father of a son named Richard, who made his home in Shropshire; William Allen of Somersetshire about the middle of the sixteenth century, who was the father of John, who had

George, Thomas, and several daughters; Roger Allen of Southamptonshire about the middle of the sixteenth century, who was the father of John, who removed to London and had issue there by his wife Thomasin Fudg of Thomasin, John, Thomas, and Philip; Edward Alleyn or Allen of County Surrey in the latter sixteenth century (founder of Dulwich College); Sir William Allen, Lord Mayor of London in 1572; Giles Allen, Mayor of Dublin in 1577; Cardinal Allen of Lancashire, who died in 1594; Christian Allen of County Kent, who was the father by his wife Maria Barham of John, Christian, William, Mary, Jacob, and Richard, all of whom were living in the early seventeenth century; and numerous others.

Prominent in Great Britain, where the Allens and Allans were largely of the landed gentry and yeomanry, the family was well represented among the earliest settlers in colonial America.

Probably the first of the name to emigrate to America was William Allen, who came from Manchester, England, to Salem, Mass., about 1626. By his first wife Elizabeth Bradley he had Persis and Samuel, and by his second wife he had further issue of Elizabeth, Deborah, Bethiah, Onesiphorous, William, and Jonathan.

Samuel Allen or Allan of Essex County, England,

emigrated to Braintree, Mass., about 1632. He had issue by his wife, Ann, of Samuel, Sarah, and Mary. By a second wife, the Widow Margaret Lamb, he had further issue of Joseph, James, Abigail, and probably others as well.

The brothers Matthew and Thomas Allyn or Allen of Essex County, England, are believed to have come to Charlestown and Cambridge, respectively, about 1632 and to have later removed to Windsor and Hartford, Conn. Matthew was the father of John, Thomas, and Mary; and Thomas probably died without issue.

According to some records the Samuel Allyn or Allen, who was living at Windsor, Conn., about the same time, was also a brother of the last two emigrants mentioned. He was the father of Samuel, Nehemiah, John, Rebecca, Mary, and Obadiah.

In 1633 one John Allen or Allan was living at Plymouth, Mass., whence he later removed to Scituate, where he died about 1662, leaving a widow named Anna and a son John.

Another John Allen made his home at Charlestown, Mass., in 1635 and by his wife Sarah was the father of John, Sarah (died young), Mary, Rebecca, Samuel, and another Sarah.

In 1635 or shortly thereafter one George Allen came from England to Lynn, Mass., whence he removed to Sandwich.

He was the father of Matthew, Henry, Samuel, George, William, and at least five others whose names are not of record.

One Edward Allen or Allan migrated from Scotland to Ipswich, Mass., in 1636, and was the father by his wife, Sarah, of Edward, William, Benjamin, David, Samuel, Sarah, Martha, Abigail, Mary, Caleb, and others.

One Robert Allyn or Allen settled at Salem, Mass., about 1637 and had issue there of John, Sarah, and Mary. At New London, Conn., whither he removed, he is believed to have had further issue of Hannah and Deborah.

John Allin of Dedham, Mass., who came from Oxfordshire, England, in 1637, was the father by his first wife, Margaret, of a son named John, and by his second wife, the Widow Catherine Dudley, of Daniel, Benjamin, and Eleazer.

One Bozoan or Bozoun Allen emigrated from Norfolk County, England, to Hingham, Mass., in 1638. He later removed to Boston, where his wife, Ann, bore him a posthumous child named Bozoan.

The Reverend Thomas Allen, said to have been the son of one John Allen of Norwich, England, came to Boston, Mass., about 1638 and later removed to Charlestown, in the same colony. By his wife, the Widow Ann (nes Sadler) Haward, he had issue of Mary, Thomas, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Mercy.

Roger Alling or Allen, son of one James Allen of London, England, settled at New Haven, Conn., about 1638. He was married in 1642 to Mary Nash, by whom he had issue of Mary, Samuel, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Susanna, and the Reverend James of Salisbury.

One James Allen of Dedham, Mass., in 1639, was the father, by his wife, Anna, of John, Mary, Martha, Sarah, Joseph, James, Nathaniel, William, and Benjamin.

About 1639 one John Allen was living at Springfield, whence he removed to Newport, R.I. By his wife, Elizabeth Bacon, whom he married about 1650, he is thought to have had issue of Elizabeth, Mary, John, Mercy, Samuel, Priscilla, and Christopher.

One William Allen, Allan, or Allin resided at Salisbury, Mass., as early as 1639. He had issue by his wife, Ann Goodale, of Abigail, Ann, Hannah, Mary, Martha, John, William, Benjamin, Joseph, Richard, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

Walter Allen of Newbury, Mass., in 1640, is said to have removed to Watertown about 1662 with his wife, Rebecca, and their children, John, Daniel, Joseph, Abigail, and Benjamin.

In 1641 another George Allen was living at Weymouth, Mass. He later removed to Boston and had issue there by

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his wife, Susanna, of Hannah, Naomi, Rachel or Ruth, Susanna, and Elnathan.

Andrew Allen of Lynn and Andover, in 1642, had issue by his wife, Faith Ingalls, of at least two sons, Andrew and John, and probably of other children as well.

About 1643 one Francis Allen or Allan settled at Sandwich, where he married Mary Barlow, in 1662. His children were (probably) Rachel, Abigail, Abia, Rebecca, and Hannah.

Henry Allen or Allan of Boston, in 1644, was the father by his wife, Judith, of Judith, Samuel, Ebenezer, Ephraim, Joseph, Henry, Benjamin, and John.

One Hope Allen was living at Boston in 1651 and was the father by his wife, Rachel, of Jacob, Joseph, Leah, Mary, Benjamin, and at least one other child who died young.

Sometime before 1656 one John Allen was living at Newbury, Mass. He is known to have been the father of John, Samuel, Joseph, and Benjamin.

Charles Allen of Portsmouth, N.H., in 1657 married Suzanna Huggins and had issue by her of Daniel, Suzanna, Martha, John, Charles, and Jude.

Another Henry Allen or Allan resided at Milford, Conn., in 1660. By his wife, Sarah, he had seven children, Mary, Sarah, Miriam, Mercy, Henry, Frances, and George.

The Reverend James Allen came to New England in 1662 and settled at Boston, where he was married in the following year to Hannah Drummer, by whom he probably had no issue. Shortly after 1668 he married the Widow Elizabeth (nee Houchin) Endicott, who gave him four children, Hannah, James, John, and Nehemiah (or Jeremiah). By a third wife, the Widow Sarah (nee Hawkins) Breck, he had further issue of Thomas and Sarah.

One Joseph Allen of Newport, R.I., was married in 1662 to Sarah ----, by whom he had issue of Abigail, Rose, Joseph, John, Philip, and William.

Lewis Allen of Watertown, Mass., was married in 1664 to Sarah Ives, who was the mother by him of Lewis, Sarah, Abel, and Mary. He later married the Widow Mary (nee Sherman) Freeman, by whom he had a son named Ebenezer.

About 1669 one Gideon Allen had issue at Swanzey, Mass., by his wife, Sarah, of John, Gideon, Sarah, George, Hannah, and Abigail.

Another John Allen or Allan was living at Northampton prior to 1669, in which year he married Mary Hannum. By her he had John, Samuel, and Hannah.

Jedediah Allen of Sandwich (before 1670) married Experience Swift and had issue by her of Experience, Eliashib, Judah, Esther, and others.

One William Allyn of Stonington, Conn., died in 1671, leaving four children, John, George, Jane, and Elizabeth.

Joshua Allen of Yarmouth, Me., in 1672, was the father of a son named John and possibly of other children as well.

Isaac Allen of Rehoboth was married in 1673 to Mary Bowen, by whom he had issue of Isaac and Catharine.

Still another John Allan was living at Barnstable, Mass., before 1674. He had issue by his wife, Mary Howland, of John, Mary, Matthew, and Isaac.

In 1678 one Richard Allen of Salisbury had a son of the same name.

Dr. Daniel Allan or Allen of Boston, before 1680, was the father by his wife, Mariana, of John, Mary, Catharine, Daniel (died young), Benjamin, and another Daniel.

Yet another John Allen was living at Suffield before 1682 and was married in that year to Elizabeth Prichard, who gave him eight children, John (died in infancy), another John, Richard, Elizabeth, Sarah, Joseph, Benjamin, and Ebenezer.

One William Allen of Portsmouth, about 1683, had issue by his wife, Elizabeth, of Mary, William,^P Thomas, John, Matthew, and Mercy.

Alexander Allen or Allan of Windsor, Conn., came from

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Scotland about 1689 and married in 1693 Mary Grant, by whom he had Alexander, John, and Mary. He also had a son called Fitz John by his second wife, Elizabeth Allyn.

About 1690 one Edward Allen came from London, England, to Portsmouth, N.H., whence he removed to Nantucket, Mass. By his wife, Ann Coleman, he had ten children, Mary, Joseph, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Daniel, Sylvanus, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Ebenezer.

Peter Allen or Allan of Roxbury, Mass., before 1692, is said to have had issue by his wife, Mary, of James, Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah.

Among the many others of the name who came to America in the following century were Samuel of Portsmouth, who was Governor of New Hampshire about the beginning of the eighteenth century and had a son named Thomas; William of Philadelphia, about 1730, who was the father of Thomas of New York and William of Pennsylvania; Nathaniel, who came from London to Boston about 1734 and had issue by his wife Dorcas Bowes of Thomas, Samuel, William, Henry, Lewis, Richard, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, Sarah, and Caleb; John, who came to Plymouth about 1760 and married Esther Savery, by whom he had Esther, Elizabeth, John, and William; and James, who came from Ireland with his widowed mother and

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several brothers and sisters to Virginia in the latter eighteenth century and had issue by his wife, Mary Kelsey, of John, Joseph, and James.

On the whole, the members of this family have played a large part both in the founding and in the later history of America. They have been described as a modest, conservative, and peace-loving race, and members of the family have been outstanding as statesmen, writers, and professional men.

Among those of the name who fought as officers in the War of the Revolution were Captains Adoniram of South Carolina, Charles and Thomas of North Carolina, Daniel of Connecticut, Heman of New Hampshire, John Baptist and Lathrop of New York, Matthew and Thomas of Rhode Island, and David, Jacob, James, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Coit, Noah, and Robert of Massachusetts; Majors Ebenezer of New Hampshire and William of Rhode Island; Lieutenant-Colonel William of Pennsylvania; and the famous Colonel Ethan Allen of New Hampshire.

Richard, John, William, Edward, Robert, Roger, Thomas, Charles, and James are some of the Christian names most favored by the family for its male progeny.

A few of the many members of the family who have distinguished themselves in America in more recent times are:

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Alexander Viets Griswold Allen (1841-1908), of Massachusetts, Protestant theologian.

Alfred Allen (b. 1866), of New York, author and playwright.

Charles Herbert Allen (b. 1848), of Massachusetts, diplomatist and banker.

Edward Patrick Allen (1853-1926), of Massachusetts, Roman Catholic prelate.

Elizabeth Akers Allen (1832-1911), of Maine, poet.

Fred Hoven Allen (b. 1845), of New Hampshire, author and Congregational clergyman.

Horace Newton Allen (b. 1858), of Ohio, minister.

James Lane Allen (1849-1925), of Kentucky, novelist.

Joel Asaph Allen (1838-1921), of Massachusetts, naturalist.

Thomas Allen (1849-1924), of Louisiana, painter.

One of the most ancient and frequently used of the numerous coats of arms of the British family of Allen or Allan is described as follows (Burke, General Armory, 1884):

Arms.--"Per fess sable and or, a pale engrailed counterchanged, three talbots passant of the second collared gules."

Crest.--"A talbot passant sable collared gules, ears and chains or."

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WHY YOU HAVE A FAMILY NAME AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

Primitive personal names doubtless originated soon after the invention of spoken language, although the date of their first use is lost in the darkness of ages preceding recorded history. For thousands of years thereafter, first or given names were the only designations that men and women bore; and in the dawn of historic times, when the world was less crowded than it is today and every man knew his neighbor, only one title of address was necessary. Only gradually, with the passing centuries and the increasing complexity of civilized society, did a need arise for more specific designations. While the roots of our system of family names may be traced back to early civilized times, actually the hereditary surname as we know it today is a comparatively recent development in human history, dating from a time scarcely earlier than nine hundred years ago.

A surname is a name added to a baptismal or Christian name for the purposes of making it more specific and of indicating family relationship or descent. Classified according to origin, most surnames fall into four general categories: (1) those formed from the given name of the sire; (2) those arising from bodily or personal characteristics; (3) those derived from locality or place of residence; and (4) those derived from occupation. It is easier to understand the story of the development of our institution of surnames if these classifications are borne in mind.

As early as biblical times, certain distinguishing appellations were occasionally employed in addition to the given name, as, for instance, Joshua the son of Nun, Simon the son of Jonas, Judas of Galilee,

and Simon the Zealot. In ancient Greece, daughters were scrupulously named after their fathers, as Chryseis, the daughter of Chryses; and sons' names were usually an enlarged form of the father's, as Hieronymus, son of Hiero. The Romans, with the rise of their civilization, felt the need for some hereditary title; and to meet this need they invented a complex system whereby every patrician traced his descent by taking several names. None of these, however, exactly corresponded to surnames as we know them, for the "clan name", though hereditary, was given also to slaves and other dependents. Excellent as this system was, it proved to be but a temporary innovation, for the overthrow of the Western Empire by barbarian invaders brought about its end and a reversion to the primitive custom of a single name.

The ancient Scandinavians and for the most part the Germans had only individual names, and there were no family names, strictly speaking, among the Celts. But as family and tribal groups grew in size, individual names proved inadequate and the need for supplementary designations began to be felt. Among the first employed were such terms as "the Strong", "the Hardy", "the Stern", "the Dreadful-in-battle"; and the nations of northern Europe soon adopted the practice of adding the father's name to the son's, as Oscar son of Ossian, Oscar son of Carnuth, and Dermid son of Duthno.

True surnames, in the sense of hereditary designations, date in England from about the year 1000. Largely, they were introduced from Normandy, although there are interesting records of Saxon surnames prior to the Norman Conquest. Perhaps the oldest known surname in England is that borne by Hwita Hatte, a keeper of bees, whose daughter was Tate Hatte. During the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), there were Saxon tenants in Suffolk bearing such names as Suert Magno, Stigand Soror, Siuward Rufus, and Leuric Hobbesune (Hobson); and the Domesday record of 1085-1086, which exhibits some curious combinations of Saxon forenames with Norman family names, shows surnames in still more general use.

By the end of the twelfth century, hereditary names had become common in England. But even by 1465 they were not universal. During the reign of Edward V a law was passed to compel certain Irish outlaws to adopt surnames: "They shall take unto them a Surname, either of some Town, or some Colour, as Blacke or Brown, or some Art or Science, as Smyth or Carpenter, or some Office, as Cooke or Butler." And as late as the beginning of the nineteenth century, a somewhat similar decree compelled Jews in Germany and Austria to add a German surname to the single names which they had previously used.

As stated above, family names may be divided into four general classes according to their origin. One of the largest of these classes is that comprising surnames derived from the given name of the father of those who first bore the surname. Such names were formed by means of an added prefix or suffix denoting either "son of" or a diminutive. English names terminating in son, ing, and kin (from the Norse sonr, ingr, kyn) are of this type, as are also the hosts of names prefixed with the Gaelic Mac, the Norman Fitz, the Welsh ap, and the Irish O' (literally "a descendant of"). Thus John's sons became Johnsons; William's sons, Williamsons or Wilsons; Richard's sons, Richardsons or Richardses (the final "s" of "Richards" being a contraction of "son"); Neill's sons, MacNeills; Herbert's sons, FitzHerberts; Thomas's sons, ap Thomases (ap has been dropped from many names of which it was formerly a part); and Reilly's sons, O'Reillys. Names of this type are common not only in the British Isles, but also in Germany, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian countries, and throughout many other parts of the world.

Another class of surnames, those arising from some bodily or personal characteristic of their first bearer, apparently grew out of what were in the first instance nicknames. Thus Peter the strong became Peter Strong, Roger of small stature became Roger Little or Roger Small, and black-haired William or blond Alfred became William Black or Alfred White. From among the many names of this type, only a few

need be mentioned: Long, Hardy, Wise, Gladman, Lover, Youngman, and Legrand. Such names as Fox and Wolfe perhaps also belong in this group, although some writers suggest that they may be of an ancient totemistic origin instead.

A third class of family names, and perhaps the largest of all, is that comprising local surnames--names derived from and originally designating the place of residence or habitat of the bearer. Such names were popular in France at an early date and were introduced into England by the Normans, many of whom were known by the titles of their estates on the Continent and later by the titles of their English possessions. The surnames adopted by the nobility were mainly of this type, being used with the particles de, de la, or del (meaning "of" or "of the"). The Saxon equivalent was the word atte ("at the"), employed in such names as John atte Brook, Edmund atte Lane, Godwin atte Brigg, and William atte Bourne. A vestige of this usage survives in the names Atwell, Atwood, and Atwater; in other cases the Norman de was substituted; and in still others, such as Wood, Briggs, and Lane, the particle was dropped. The surnames of some of the Pilgrim fathers illustrate place designations: for instance, Winthrop means "from the friendly village"; Endicott, "an end cottage"; Bradford, "at the broad ford"; and Standish, "a stony park". The suffixes "ford", "ham", "ley", and "ton", denoting locality, are of frequent occurrence in such names as Ashford, Bingham, Burley or Burleigh, and Norton.

While England enjoyed a period of comparative peace under Edward the Confessor, a fourth class of surnames arose--names derived from occupation. The earliest of these seem to have been official names, such as Bishop, Mayor, Fawcett (judge), Alderman, Reeve, Sheriff, Chamberlain, Chancellor, Chaplain, Deacon, Latimer (interpreter), Marshall, Sumner (summoner), and Parker (park-keeper). Trade and craft names, although of the same general type, were of somewhat later origin. Currier was a dresser of skins, Webster a weaver, Wainwright a wagon builder,

and Baxter a baker. Such names as Smith, Taylor, Barber, Shepherd, Carter, Mason, and Miller are self-explanatory.

Many surnames of today which seem to defy classification or explanation are corruptions of ancient forms which have become disguised almost beyond recognition. Longfellow, for instance, was originally Longueville, Longshanks was Longchamps, Troublefield was Tuberville, Wrinch was Renshaw, Diggles was Douglas, and Snooks was Sevenoaks. Such corruptions of family names, resulting from ignorance of spelling, variations in pronunciation, or merely from the preference of the bearer, tend to baffle both the genealogist and the etymologist. Shakespeare's name is to be found in some twenty-seven different forms, and the majority of English and Anglo-American surnames have, in their history, appeared in four to a dozen or more variant spellings.

In America, the melting pot of all nations, a greater variety of family names exists than anywhere else in the world. Surnames of every race and nation are represented. While the greater number are of English, Scotch, Irish, or Welsh origin, brought to this country by scions of families which had borne these names for generations prior to emigration, many others, from central and southern Europe and from the Slavic countries, where the use of surnames is generally a more recently established practice, present considerable difficulty to the student of etymology and family history.

Those Americans who bear old and honored names --who trace the history of their surnames back to sturdy emigrant ancestors, or even beyond, across the seas, and into the dim mists of antiquity--may be rightfully proud of their heritage. While the name, in its origin, may seem ingenious, humble, surprising, or matter-of-fact, its significance today lies not in a literal interpretation of its original meaning but in the many things that have happened to it since it first came into use. In the beginning it was only a word, a convenient label to distinguish one John

from his neighbor John who lived across the field. But soon it established itself as a part of the bearer's individuality; and as it passed to his children, his children's children, and their children, it became the symbol not of one man but of a family and all that that family stood for. Handed down from generation to generation, it grew inseparably associated with the achievement, the tradition, and the glory of the family. Like the coat of arms, that vivid pictorial symbolization of the name which warrior ancestors bore in battle, the name itself, borne through every event of life and through the lives of scores of one's progenitors, became the badge of family honor--the "good name" to be proud of, to protect, and to fight for if need be. As the valiant deeds of the marching generations have clothed it in glory, it has become an institution, a family rallying cry, and the most treasured possession of those who bear it.

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